

Sabbath Marketplace Service

The Serpent & Garden of Eden

Genesis 3:1

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The Pre-Fall Serpent - Intelligent

- **3** 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’?” – Genesis 3:1
- **6175 - Crafty**
עָרוּם **arum** (791a); from [6191](#); *crafty, shrewd, sensible*:—
- (SN 6191) ‘*ārām* – properly, be shrewd; (positively) *prudent* – or (negatively) *crafty* (the context determines the precise sense); **but is usually negative (to inflict pain)**; shrewdness, *perceiving the "linkages" in cause-and-effect* relationships.
- This root is used negatively for subtle trickery which victimizes ("outsmarts") someone, and brings one's *own undoing* ("dealing subtly," KJV).



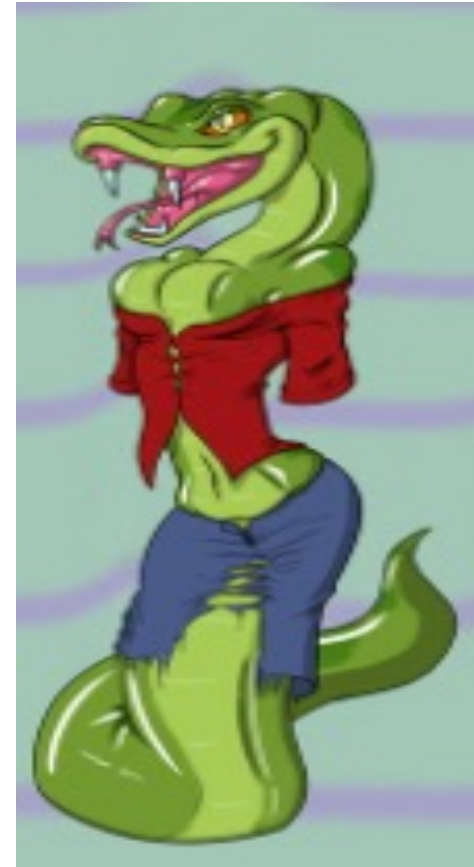
The Pre-Fall Serpent - Talks

- **3** 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’?” – Genesis 3:1



The Pre-Fall Serpent - Walks

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The Pre-Fall Serpent – Enjoys Food

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Characteristics of the Pre-Fall Serpent vs Man

He

- Is Intelligent,
- Talks,
- Walks and
- Enjoys good food



Conclusion

The Serpent is the
closest comparison
to the humanity
God had made



Genesis 3:1 – Hebrew Translation

- **3** 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’?*”
- In Hebrew text infers: “*Even if God said don’t eat from **all the trees** of the garden...so what?*” *Eat any way* (appeals to the Desire of Eve)
- This brings out Eve’s response – “² The woman said to the serpent, “We **may eat** fruit from the trees in the garden, 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.**’”

How did the Serpent respond to Eve?

- “4 “*You will not certainly die,*” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and *you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*” – Genesis 3:4-5
- ***Did the Serpent lie? You will be like God?*** Let’s look at what God said.
- “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
- So, the Serpent appears to be truthful. However, **THINK ABOUT IT!**
- Surely GOD is more than *knowing good and evil!* He is all knowing, all powerful and all presence

Did the Serpent lie?

- **Is this a lie or truth?**
 - 4 “You will **not certainly die**,” the serpent said to the woman. Genesis 3:4
- **So, this is a lie.**
 - Adam did not die immediately but eventually he died



Word that is Repeated Many Times is Key

- **Nakedness** repeated many times - God wants us to pay attention
- Genesis 2:25 “And they were both **naked**, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”
- Genesis 3:7 “Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* **naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.”
- Genesis 3:10 “So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was *afraid* because I was **naked**; and I hid myself.”
- Genesis 3:11 “And He said, “Who told you that you *were* **naked**? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”
- Genesis 3:21 “Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin and **clothed them**.”

The Word Naked appears at the Beginning & also at the End of the Story

- Naked means transparent, truthful, what you see is what you get
- The story began when they were both naked – Genesis 2:25
- In the middle of the story, Adam and Eve knew they were naked – Genesis 3:7
- The story ended that God clothe them and they were no longer naked – Genesis 3:21
- What was Adam's response to GOD why he was naked? – Ashamed?
- He was afraid. – Genesis 3:10
- Why is Adam afraid of his nakedness?

Understanding the Word Naked – From Hebrew Scripture

- *3 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’?” 2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 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.’” - NKJV*
- *The NKJV Translated as crafty which could also mean cunning, guileful, wily, devious, sly, tricky, duplicitous*
- *Let’s look into what the actual Hebrew Word depicts which the English translation has missed out*

What is the Hebrew Word which translated crafty in our English language?

- עָרוֹם **arum** or **crafty** in Genesis 3:1
- עָרָם **erom** (736a); from [5783](#); ***naked***:— *and* is the same Root Word for crafty – Genesis 1:25, 3:7, 3:10, 11

Crafty = Naked (Similar Hebrew Word)

- Comes from the same Hebrew word

- עָרוֹם arum

- עֶרֶם erom

- **Crafty** - Deceptive

- Cloaked, Covered, not transparent

- **Naked**

- What you see, is what you get
 - Transparent

- Perhaps the Serpent is not just “deceptive”, but also “naked”

- Serpent = Deceptive + “**Innocent**”

- Serpent like Human does not have fur, no covering, ie “naked”


Back to the Question

- Why Adam was afraid when he realized his nakedness?
- The Hebrew Scripture reveals to us that **naked** and **crafty** comes from the same Root Word
- Adam now realized he was both naked and **crafty (loss of innocence)**
- In the presence of an All-Knowing, Holy God
- He could no longer hide his craftiness
- Hence, he is afraid
- Next Question is "What is the Motivation of the Serpent?"

What is the Serpent's Motivation?

- The Serpent is more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made – Genesis 3:1 (NKJV)
- The Serpent is in the pole position. He is more intelligent, crafty than all the animals that God had created





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: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the most High. Isaiah 14:13-14

The Serpent
is Not Only
Crafty, but
full of self
Pride

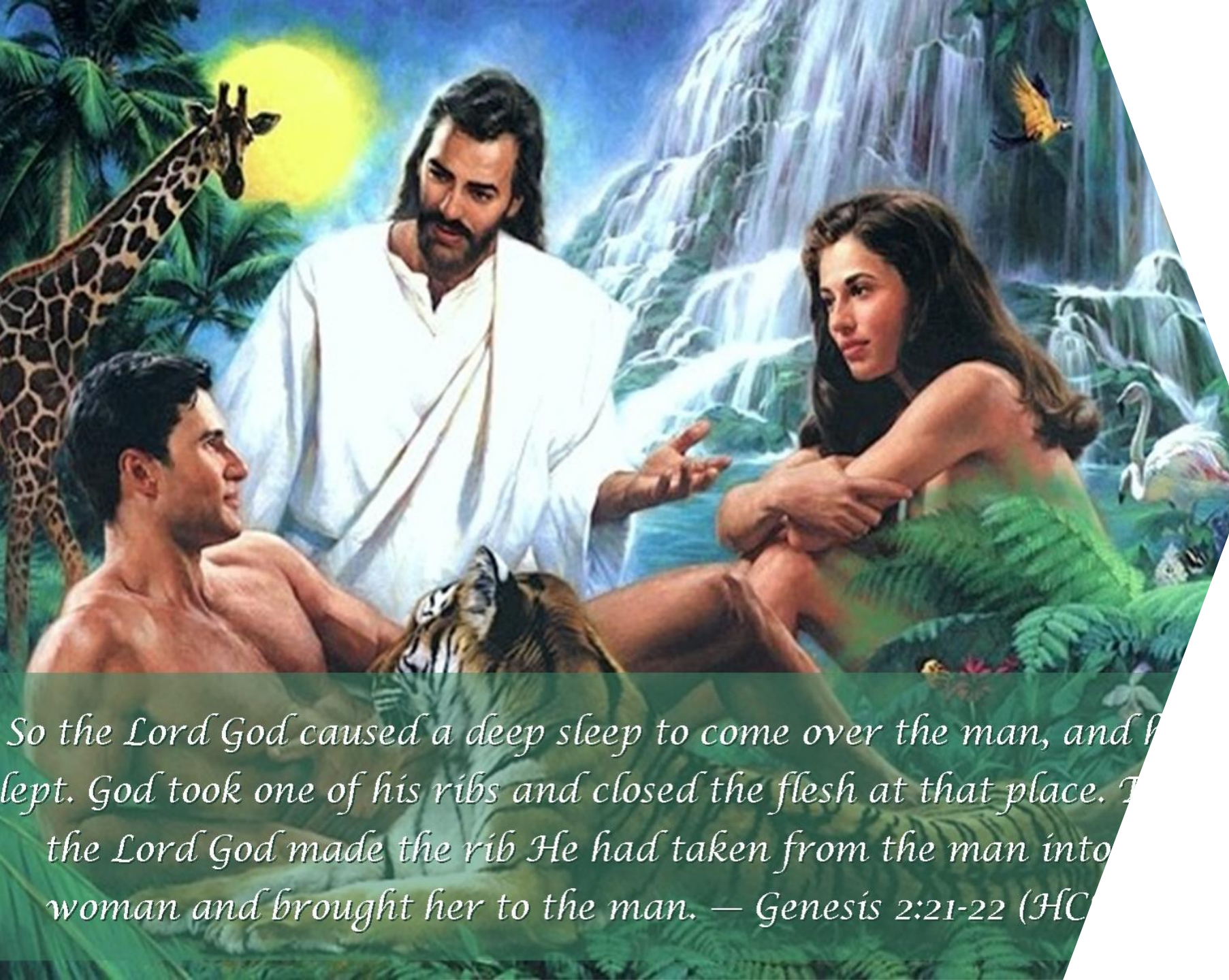
The Serpent's Motivation is obvious from the context of the story

- Let's look back what happened in Genesis 2, before Genesis 3:1
- ¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is **not good for the man to be alone**. I will **make a helper suitable** for him." – Genesis 2:18
- **So, there was a "beauty contest" to select a helper, a soul-mate for Adam**
- Naming the animals is in essence knowing their characteristics

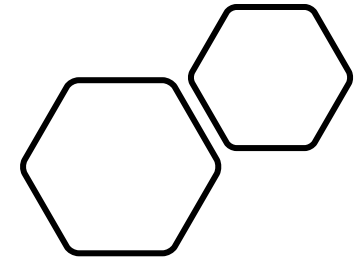


Why did God arrange for the Beauty Contest
before creating Eve?





So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. Then the Lord God made the rib He had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. — Genesis 2:21-22 (HCSB)



Adam did not choose any of the wild animal that God had made"- as his helper, soul-mate. He chose Eve, "the bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh"

This created a “Pride”
issue for the Serpent

**The Serpent’s
motivation** is to
succeed in where all
the wild animals had
failed. The Serpent
wants to be the sole-
mate of Adam!



Let's get back to Genesis 3:1

- “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “*Has God indeed said*, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”
- “*Has God indeed said*”- in Hebrew is “*Even if God said don't eat from the tree...*” implied “*So what!*”
- Depends on where you place your emphasis on the sentence, it gives you a different meaning

Let's get back to Genesis 3:1

- According to the *German Theologian Samson Hirsch* the emphasis is on the Word **“said”**
 - *“Even if God **said** don't eat from the tree...” implied “So what!”*
- The meaning change to “Don't listen to GOD's Word...”
- Is God's Word that the Serpent is attacking!
- The Serpent ask Eve these implied questions:
 - Do you want to eat from the Tree?
 - Why do you want to eat from the Tree?
 - Is it your desire to eat from the Tree?

- The Fruit is (1) Good to eat (**basic-palate**) (2) Desirable to the Eye (**secondary-eye**) (3) Beautiful for contemplate (**higher level-mind**) like appreciation of music
- All these 3 item are about DESIRE
- God speaks to us through our desire and also through our mind by HIS Word

JPS 1917 Translation

וַתֵּרָא הָאִשָּׁה כִּי טוֹב
הָעֵץ לִמְאֹכֶל וְכִי
תֵאֵנָה-הוּא לְעֵינַיִם,
וְנִחְמַד הָעֵץ לְהַשְׁכִּיל,
וַתִּקַּח מִפְּרִיָּו, וַתֹּאכַל;
וַתֵּתֶן גַּם-לְאִישָׁהּ עִמָּה,
וַיֹּאכַל.
6 And when the woman saw
that the tree was good for food,
and that it was a delight to the
eyes, and that the tree was to be
desired to make one wise, she
took of the fruit thereof, and
did eat; and she gave also unto
her husband with her, and he
did eat.

Let's take a
look at the
moment before
Eve eats from
the tree...

Living Torah Translation, Aryeh Kaplan

3:6 The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and desirable to the eyes, and that the tree was attractive as a means to gain intelligence. She took some of its fruit and ate [it]. She also gave some to her husband, and he ate [it].

GOD Place the Desire in us

Humanity

- Walks
- Talks
- Is Smart
- Enjoys good food

The Serpent

- Walks
- Talks
- Is Smart
- Enjoys good food

- What makes us different from the animals God made?
- God speaks to us through His Word and our Desire
- God speaks to animals ONLY through the “desire” or “instinct” God place in them
- Allow God speak to you before your desire

The Serpent's Ploy

- Is to make us like him
- Be sensuous
- Just Do It
- Pandering only to our desire and not doing what pleases GOD
- Take us away from God's Word



The Consequences of SIN



Eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

- Exile from the Garden
- Difficulty in Farming – Childbirth
- Hiding from God
- “Ayeh” Where are you?



The Return of our Messiah

- Seven Feasts of the LORD

- Passover
- Unleavened Bread
- First Fruits
- Pentecost
- Trumpets
- Atonement
- Tabernacles

Fulfilled With
Yeshua's First
Advent

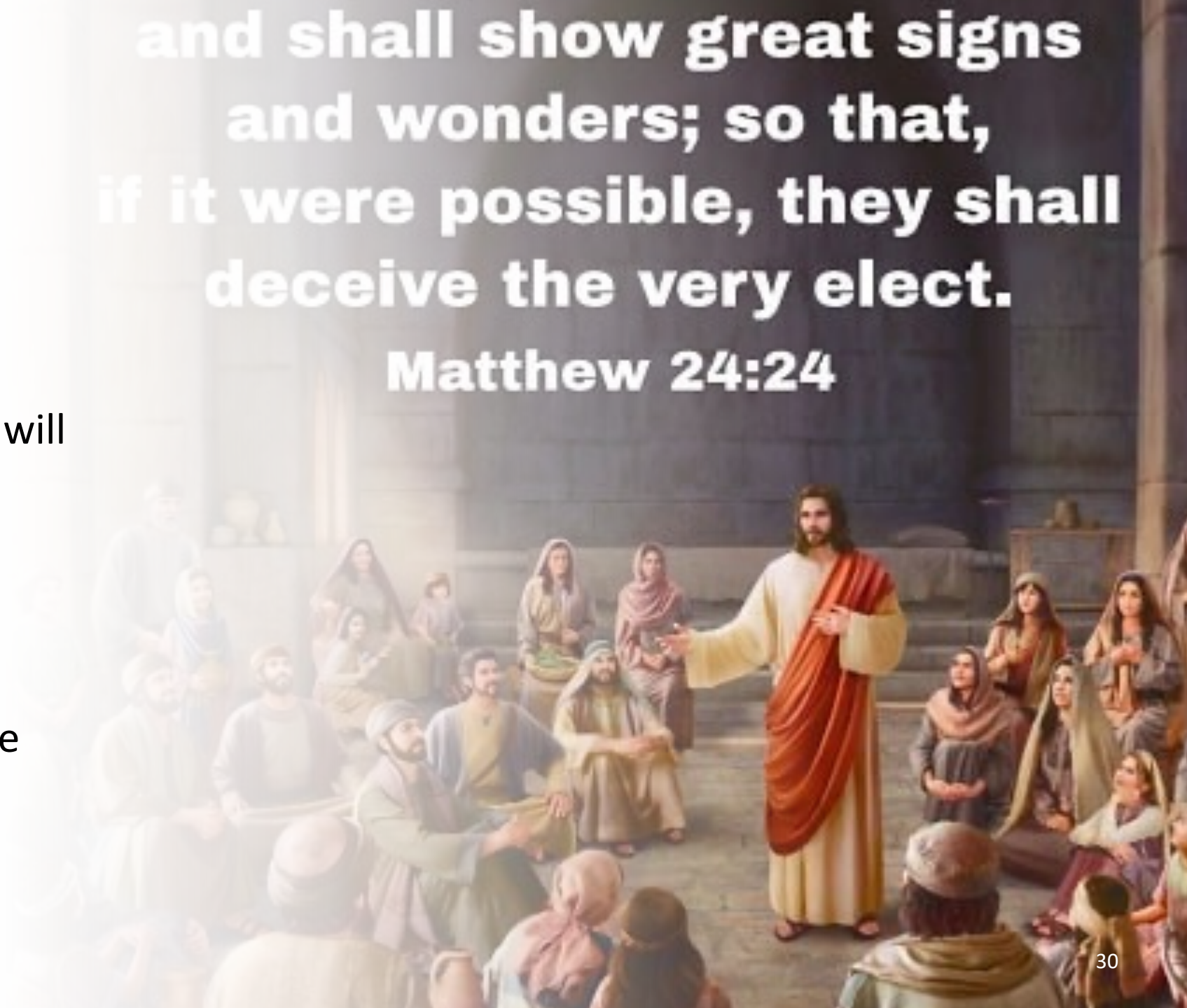
Will be Fulfilled
With Yeshua's
Return

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Matthew 24:24

There Will Be Many False Prophets...

- “Then many **false prophets** will rise up and deceive many.” - Matthew 24:11
- “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.” – Matthew 24:24



Be Prepared For Yeshua's Return

- It will be like the Days of Noah
- Yeshua's Return is only known to those who are prepared
- It will be sudden
- He will come first for His Bride
- He will return to destroy the Devil
- He will set up the Millennial Kingdom of GOD

