

(by general repetition)

I - Not going to talk to you about verses 8 & 9 - even Rabbi is very uncertain about that (bible) in 8 & 9 has doubt whether it's in 8 or 9
nor about 1 IN 7 & 10 & 11 - even Rishonim uncertain about what it was (רֵין וְסֶתֶר - figurative interpretation). But about different sort of Eden & different sort of serpent

II - Personality. The 8 & 9 of personality is when it is in harmony with itself. Man must know that he is the supreme creative of God, but that he must not confuse himself with G-d. He must know his limitations even while exploiting his possibilities. (Chassidic - man - man must have two pockets, in one a paper on which is written: שָׂרֵךְ יְהֹוָה יְהֹוָה, + on other: יְהֹוָה יְהֹוָה). This is the Eden of the individual - harmonious personality.

But there are serpents which would destroy this Eden of harmonious personality. Rabbi's 1st interp'g of 3b) is (בַּיּוֹם): - 14/10/2 10/10/52
"in 0, 1, 2, 3 (two-legged) 3. The sabbath did not mean to instruct as to the snake's place in the evolutionary scheme. What they meant is that the Eden of personality is destroyed by "two-leggedness", the attitude that one is self-sufficient. How often do we hear one say "I stand on my own two legs". What such a person forgets is that he who stands on his own two legs frequently steps on someone else's tail. It's good to know that you can make your own living; but bad not to remember that what you've made is not yours but G-d's gift to you.

III - Society. Eden is again harmony - where difference of opinion can thrive without anything into wars & conflicts. The serpents are those who would threaten society by destroying this peace. These enemies of the peace of the world & of society are not rares; they appear

with rhythmic regularity. Rabbis had long debate on how often man reproduces, how long the period of gestation until finally the answer was: פְּגַלְתִּי וְנִילָּה לְזִבְחָה (see note in 53:5, interpret further) - the serpent in the Eden, of Society appears regularly! First a Kaiser, then a Hitler, then a Stalin. But our Rabbis add something interesting - (ישׁוּבָה)
פְּגַלְתִּי וְנִילָּה לְזִבְחָה - these plump snakes who except the Eden of society are not new ones each time - they are the same ones in different skins. Under the skin, the Hitlers & Stalins are the same snake. What is the nature of this serpent? Our Rabbis give us the answer in their second opinion - תְּרֵאֵת נִיסְתָּחָה. That term has special meaning. Our Rabbis elsewhere (§. 32:8) tell following legend: 974 generations, before creation, beseeched G-d to let them be created first. They, say Rabbis, are those with פְּרָאֵנָה - those who claim superiority over & precedence to the rest of mankind. What did G-d do to them? - וְיָמִינְתִּי לְפָנֶיךָ אֲבָנָה וְנָסָה - he divided them evenly among all generations. There are always such צְדָקָה וְבִרְכָה, in every generation, who practice the Edens but under the skin they are all the same לְזִבְחָה.

IV. INTELLIGENCE - Eden is intellectual honesty etc. The snake is dishonesty - כְּשַׂדְתִּי לְזִבְחָה. Rabbis called everyone they didn't like כְּשַׂדְתִּי etc.

V. פְּגַלְתִּי וְנִילָּה לְזִבְחָה (לְפִתְחָה). Jerusalem was the realized utopia, the ^{most} ~~best~~ that ^{there} can be an Eden - (ופְּתִיכְתִּי, פְּתִיכְתִּי etc.) without the baneful זִבְחָה, without the serpents.