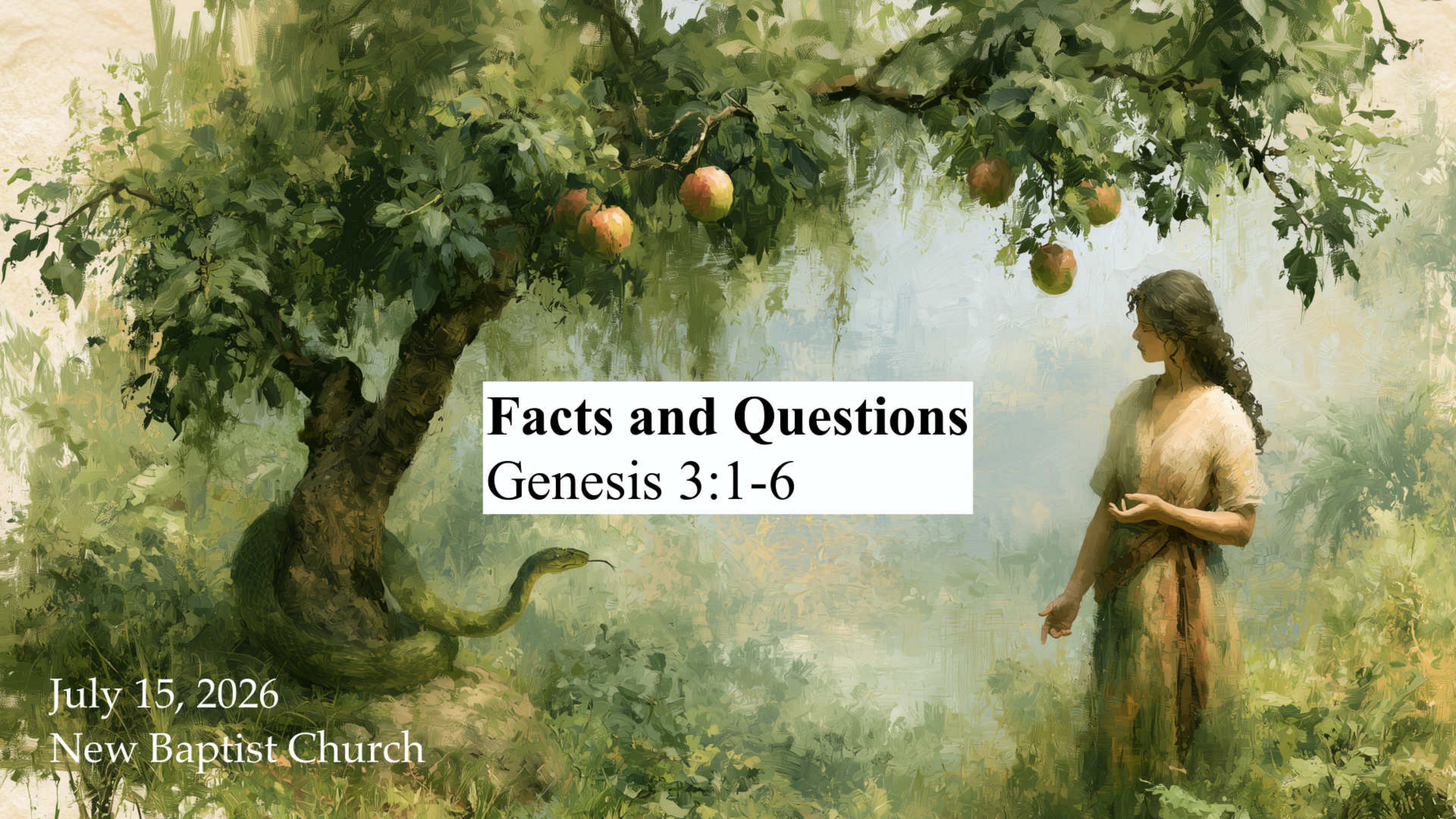


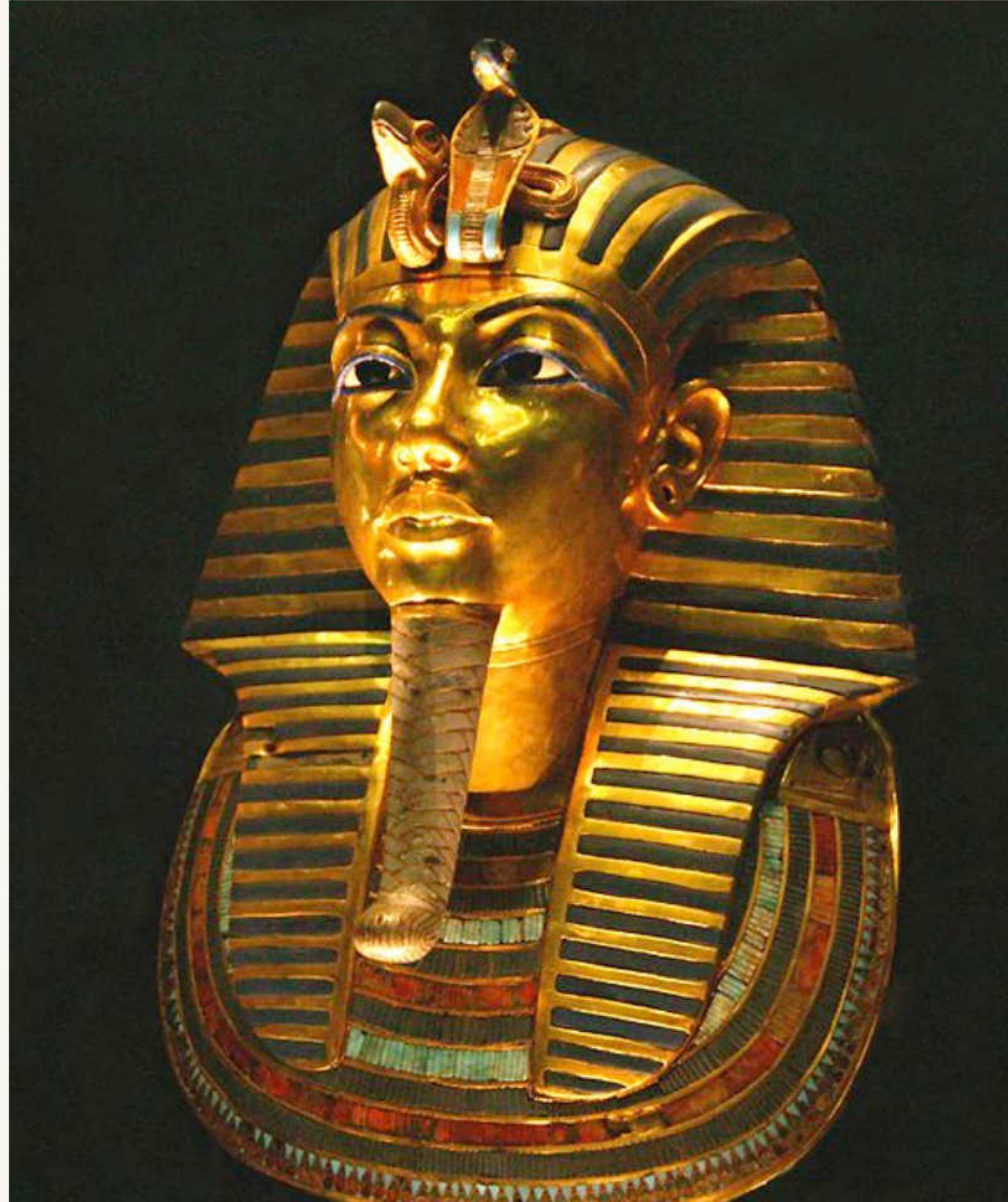


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The Royal Combra (Uraeus)

- Sign of Divine Kingship and Authority.
- Protector of the Pharaoh (spat fire).



1330 BC

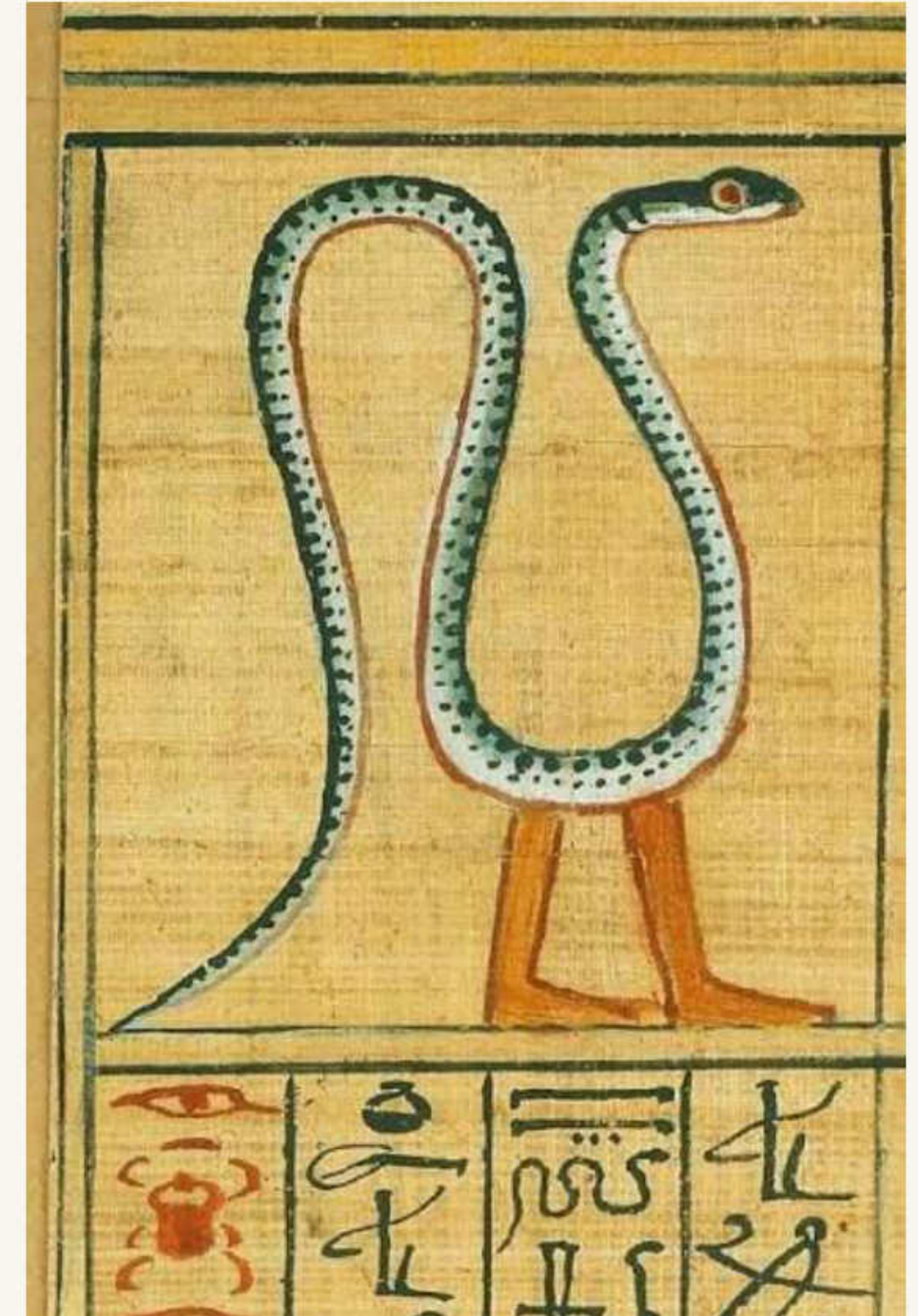
664 BC



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The Primordial Serpent-Goddess (The Ogdoad)

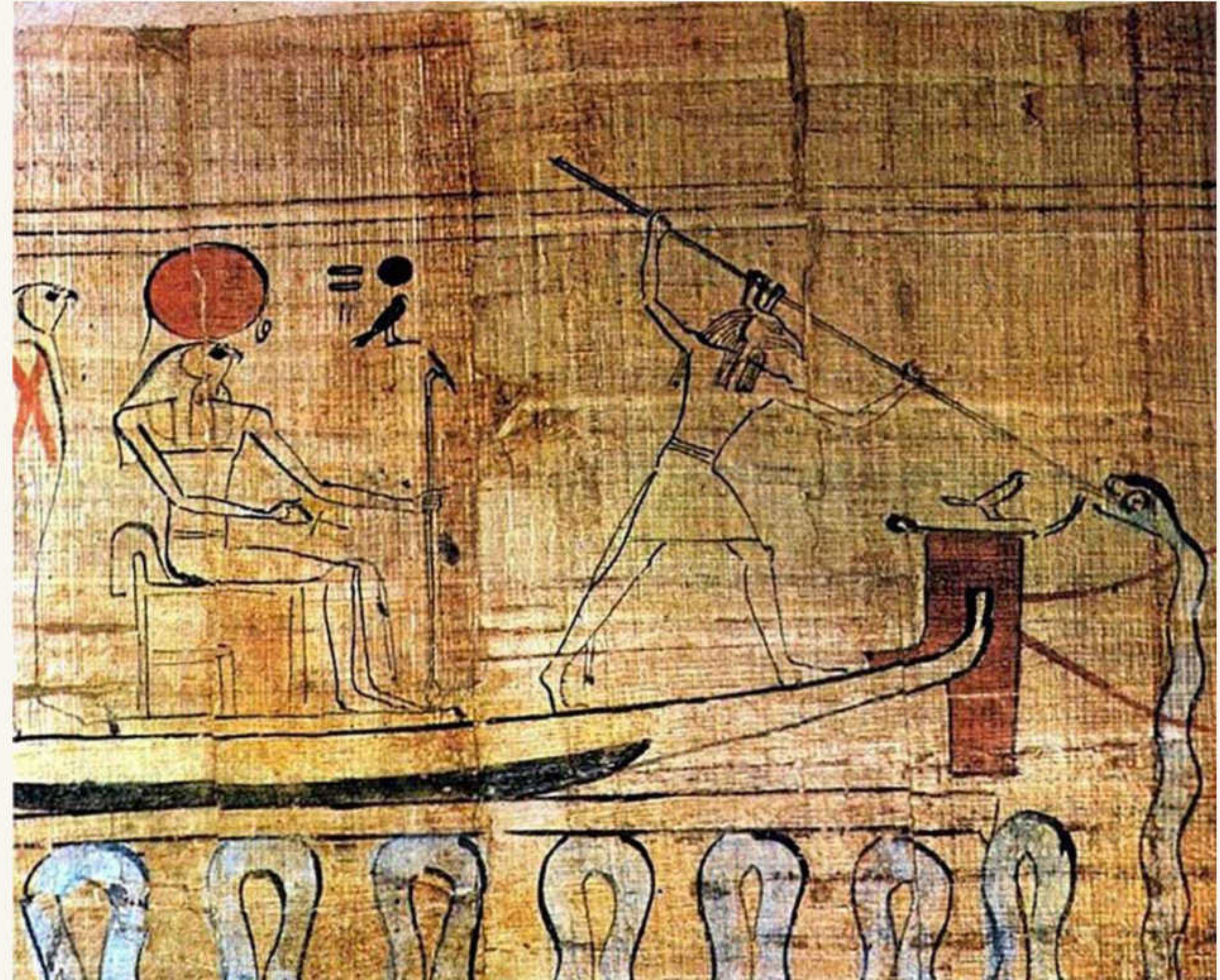
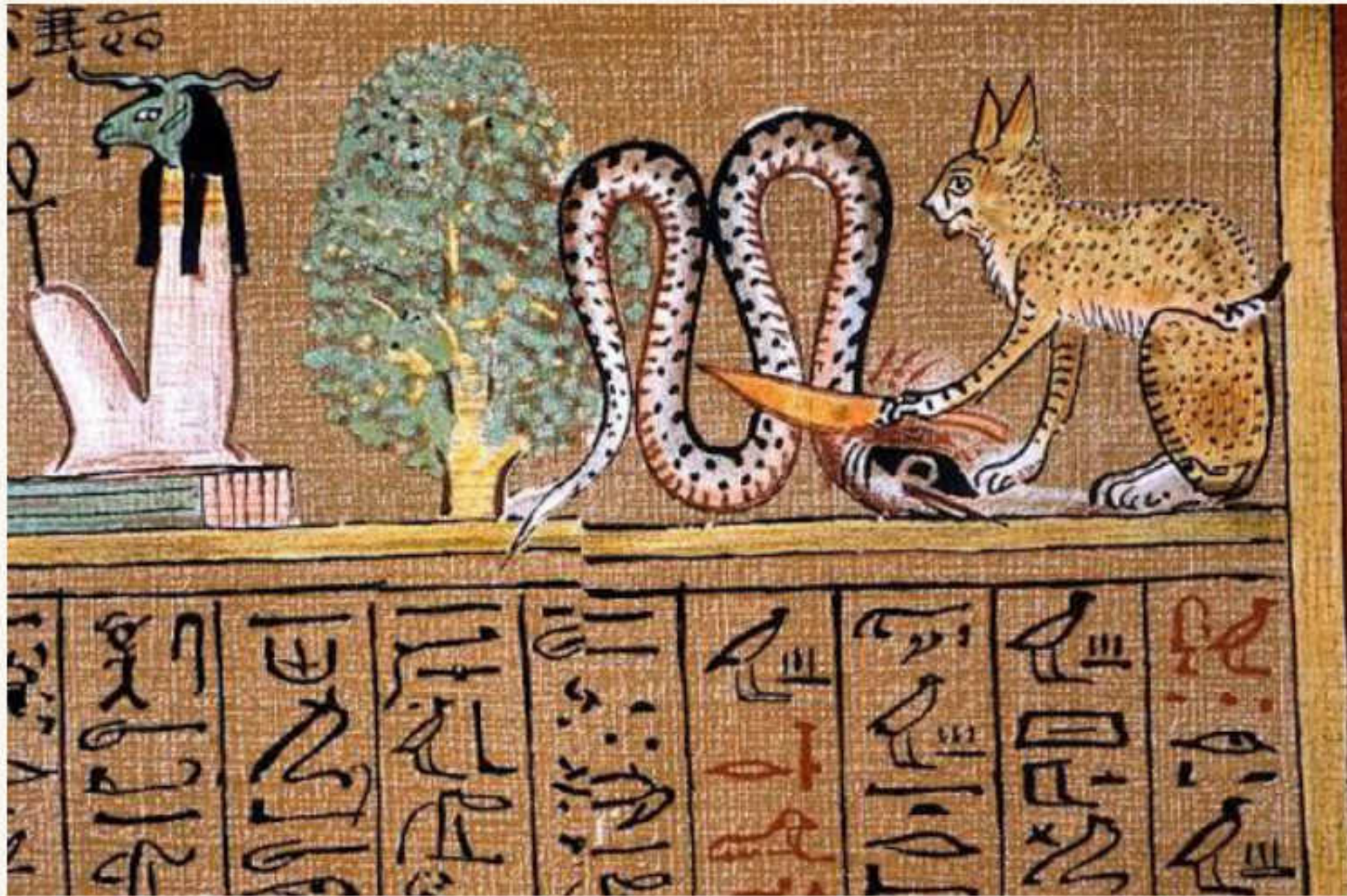
- Primordial snakes that become gods
 - Naunet
 - Hauhet
 - Kauket
 - Amaunet

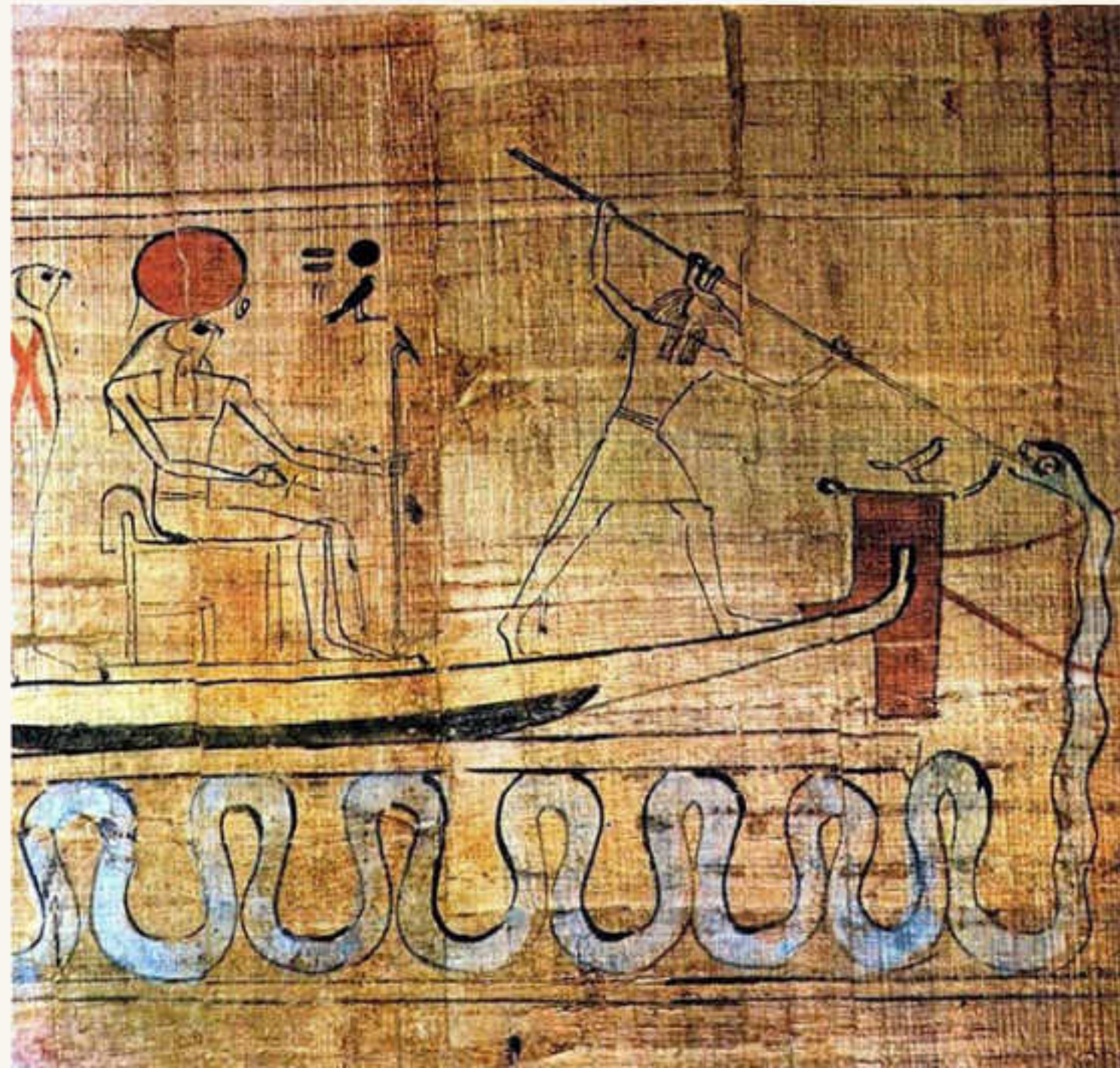
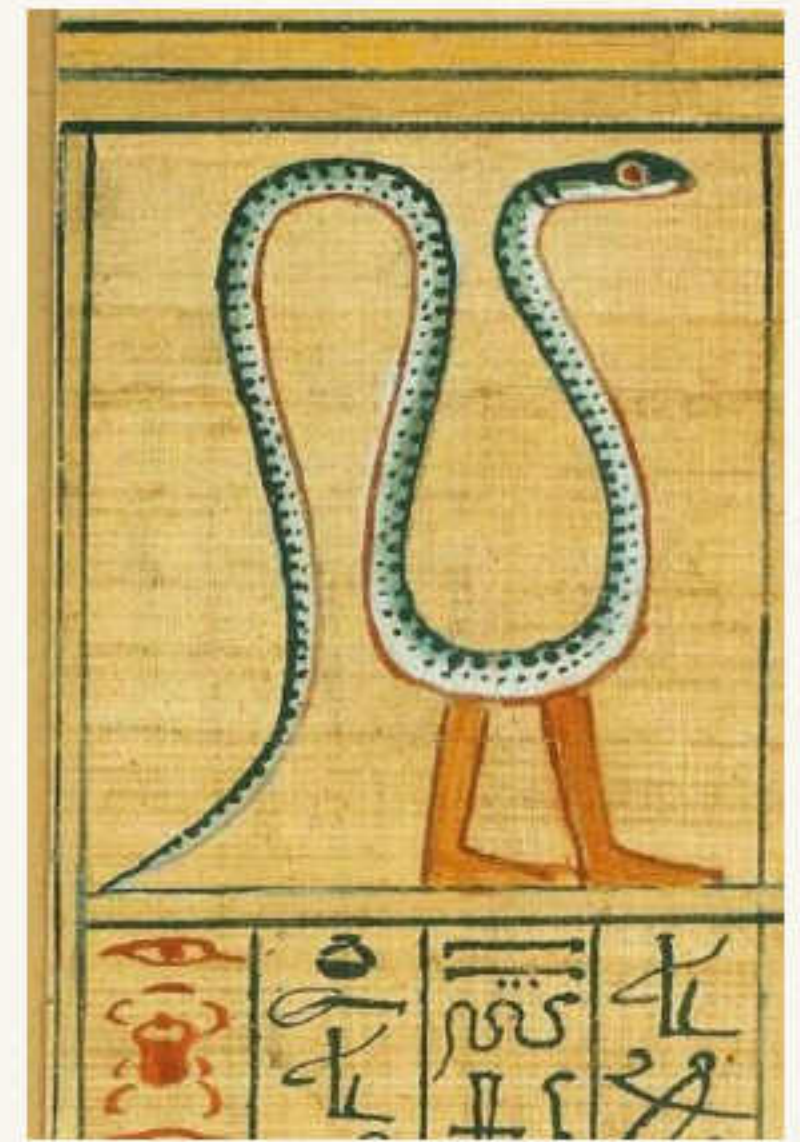
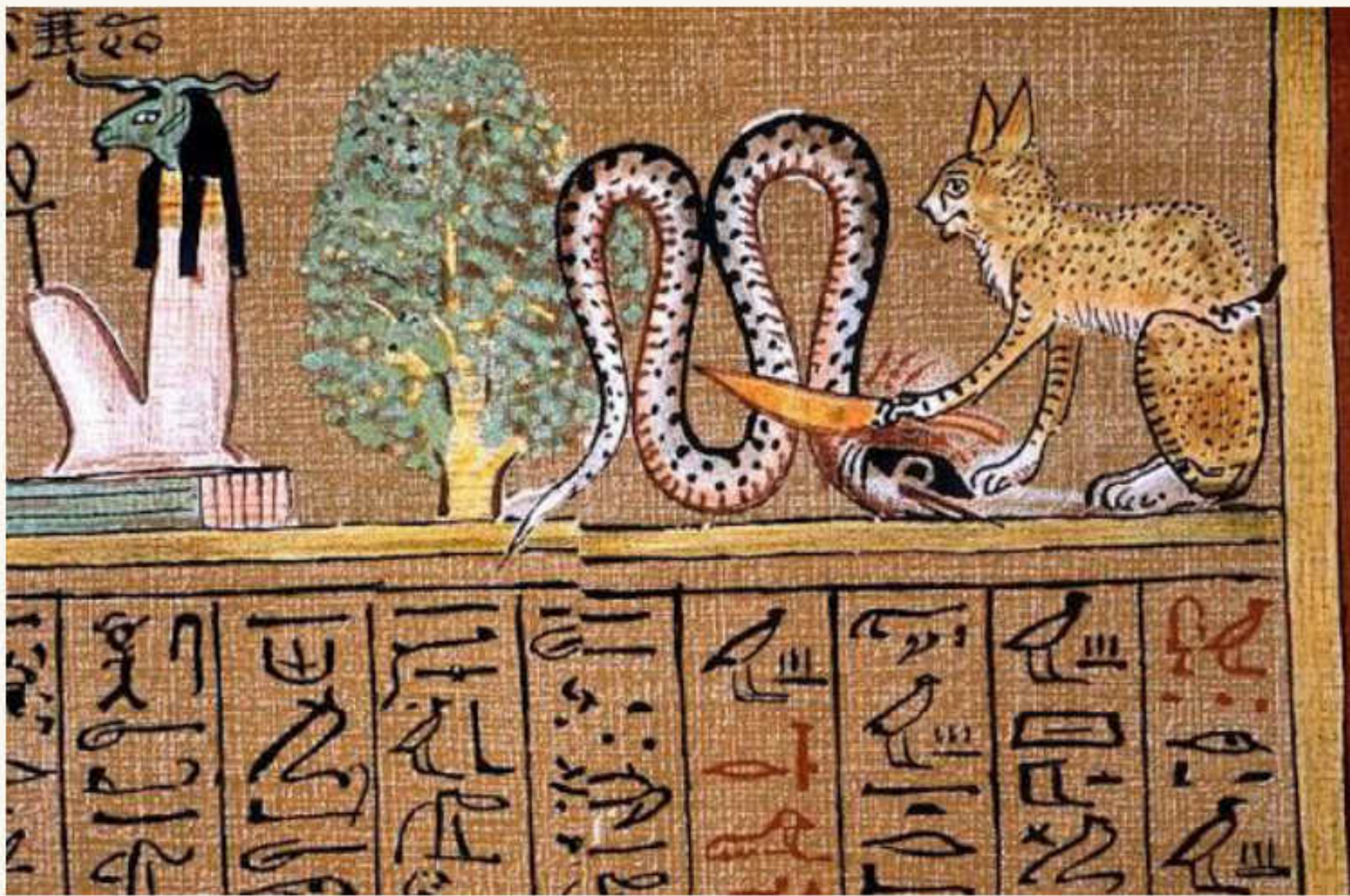


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The Chaos Serpent (Apep / Apophis)

- A massive Serpent that the eater of souls, bringer of chaos, swalloer of the sun – the great enemy of man.

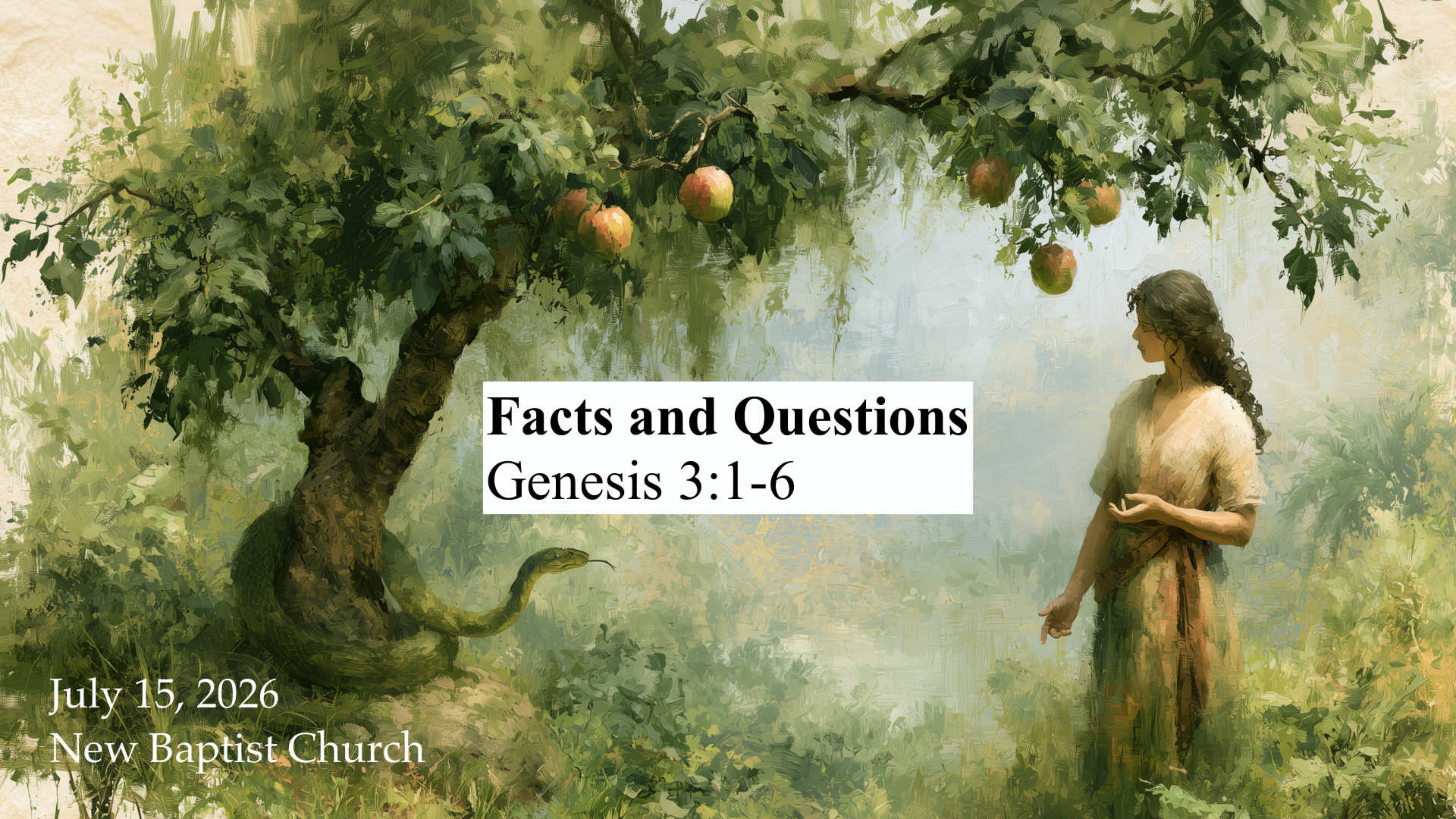




This is the world that the early Israelites knew. The Bible is a direct confrontation to these beliefs.

Genesis 3) tells us that the serpent

- The serpent is a creature (Created)
- Is not all-powerful (subordinate to man)
- The serpent is cursed (not to be worshiped)
- The Lord God wins



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Paul's Old Testament Usage to describe what was happening at the church in Corinth.

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. **4** For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. **14** And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. **15** So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

20 For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face.

How I Study the Bible - *especially difficult or complex passages*

The Work			The Fruit		
Text	Facts	Questions?	Musings	Research	Application

Text**Genesis 3****Facts****Questions?**

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

- There is a talking, crafty, cunning snake in the garden.
- The snake is the craftiest of all beasts.
- The Lord made the snake.
- The snake asks a woman a question about God’s Word.

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- Why does this talking snake seek to deceive Eve?
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Musings

God put the serpent there. (Why?) - From the beginning, man and woman must depend upon and trust God.

(Research will tell us it is Satan)

Due to envy and pride, the serpent attacks the very thing that it perceives has displaced it. Woman, and through her, man. (Research) Satan is in rebellion from God and seeks to hurt all that God loves.

- Before the beginning, a plan of redemption.
- At the beginning, we are made to trust Him.
- Satan has no power over man.

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(Revelation 12:9 ESV) “And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”

Research

- (Ezekiel 28:12–15 ESV) ““Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God: “You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. 14 You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.”

Research

Isaiah 14:12–15

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! 13 You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ 15 But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.”

The serpent was satan, a created being of God, beautiful (seductive), wise (cunning), who sought to be like God (unseat God).

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- The serpent is a created being by God, invested with wisdom and beauty, and was given a specific purpose within God’s creation. Yet it wanted what it could not have. It wanted to be like God (to be God). But God created only man/woman in His image (like God). And has placed man/woman over the Serpent. The serpent is cursed (thrown into the dust), and seeks to harm man/woman. This serpent is named Satan.

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2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

- Eve responds to the serpent
- Eve knows that God has spoken (permission and prohibition).
- She uses WE. Is Adam right there with her?
- She does not repeat God's instruction exactly.

- Why does Eve engage the serpent in conversation?
- Why does Eve misquote God's Word?
- Does Eve fully understand what death means?
- Where is Adam during this conversation?
- What has the serpent's question done to Eve?

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“4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 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.””

- The focus has gone from God's Word to God's Character. (and what Eve may gain, not what God commanded.)
- The serpent tells two lies (not die, become like God)
- The lies imply that God is holding back on her. God does not want her good. (thus God can not be trusted nor is good).
- **The first temptation is centered on God's Word and God's Character**

- Why does the serpent openly contradict God's Word and attack His character?
- Why doesn't Eve reject the serpent's accusation that God is lying?
- At what point does Eve begin to sin, in believing the serpent or in eating the fruit?
- Why are humans so easily persuaded that God is withholding what is best for them?

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How deception works -

Questioning, Subtly Reshaping, Outright Contradiction.

How important is it to know God’s Word accurately?

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- It's a nice tree.
- Before now, the woman had never seen the tree.
- Her husband was with her.
- Adam eats without protest.
- Both the woman and the man eat and disobey God's Word

- Is this the first time she sees the tree, or is she seeing it differently?
- Where is God in all of this?
- Why is Adam so passive?
- Is the sin in verse 6, or has it already happened?
- Where is the "Fall?"
- Wrong Belief / No Trust - SEE - TAKE - EAT - GIVE

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• "God knows... God is holding something back from you."

Finally, the Serpent invites Eve to trust herself instead of trusting God

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*Every false teaching ultimately says
the same thing the serpent said.*

"God isn't telling you the truth."

"God isn't enough."

"Jesus isn't enough."

"There is something more."

*Every false gospel begins with
suspicion toward God and His Word.*

The Lies People Hear From Genesis 3 told today...

"God is withholding something good from me."

"When I obey God, I'm missing out."

"My happiness would increase if I ignored God's commands."

"I know what God says, but..."

Satan rarely begins by attacking morality. He attacks theology. He attacks what you believe about God. Because if he can change what you believe about God, your behavior will eventually follow. Every sin begins somewhere with unbelief.

But Genesis 3 is not the end of the story...

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Where Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness by twisting Scripture and questioning God's provision,

How did Jesus answer?

"It is written."

Jesus succeeded where Adam failed. And he proves to us that God is good, that we can trust Him.

The Christian life is a declaration about God.

He is good. He can be trusted. Jesus proved it. And that changes everything.