



The Fortunate Fall

- Insert ...no parent ever said...

Hebrew 101

Shalom (שָׁלוֹם)

Slm

In biblical Text: *slm*

For Example

“Don’t Mess with Texas”

Dnt Mss wt txs

In Biblical Text:

Sxt tw ssm tnd

שָׁלוֹם

Role of Eve

Genesis 2:15-18



Tale of Two Trees



Lucifer, the “Light Bearer”

Genesis 3:1



Josiah Quincy

The parchment...showed a rude drawing of a man and woman, and a serpent walking upon a pair of legs.

I ventured to doubt the propriety of providing the reptile in question with this unusual means of locomotion.

“Why, that's as plain as a pikestaff,” was the rejoinder [from Joseph].

“Before the Fall snakes always went about on legs, just like chickens. They were deprived of them, in punishment for their agency in the ruin of man.”

(Millet & Jackson, eds., *Studies in Scripture, Vol. 2: The Pearl of Great Price*, p. 92. Emphasis in original).



Vision... And Deception

Genesis 3: 1-6



Elder Nelson



As we consider self-defense, self-repair, and self-renewal, an interesting paradox emerges. Limitless life could result if these marvelous qualities of the body continued in perpetuity. If we could create anything that could defend itself, repair itself, and renew itself without limit, we could create perpetual life.

That is what our Creator did with the bodies he created for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Had they continued to be nourished from the tree of life, they would have lived forever. According to the Lord, as revealed through his prophets, the fall of Adam instituted the aging process, which results ultimately in physical death.

Of course, we do not understand all the chemistry, but we are witnesses of the consequences of growing old. This and other pathways of release assure that there is a limit to the length of life upon the earth. (*The Power within Us* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1988], 8.)

Coverings



Genesis 3:7

Effects of the Fall

Genesis 3:16



Pres. Joseph F. Smith

...the education of our desires is one of far-reaching importance to our happiness in life.

God's ways of educating our desires are, of course, always the most perfect...

And what is God's way?

Everywhere in nature we are taught the lessons of patience and waiting. We want things a long time before we get them...

In nature we have our seed-time and harvest; Nature resists us and keeps admonishing us to wait; indeed, we are compelled to wait...

Gospel Doctrine, p. 297

