

# **“TROUBLE IN PARADISE”**

**Genesis 3:1-24**

## **I. THE STRATEGY OF SATAN (1-7)**

### **A. The Manner Of Satan’s Appearing (1a-1b)**

#### **1. The Serpent Was A Crafty Beast (1a)**

“Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field...”

#### **2. The Serpent Was A Created Beast (1b)**

“...which the Lord God had made...”

### **B. The Manner Of Satan’s Attack (1b-7)**

#### **1. To Doubt God’s Word Is The Cause Of Sin (1b-3)**

##### **a. The Suggestion Of Doubt (1b)**

“...And he said unto the woman, yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

##### **b. The Statement Of Doubt (2-3)**

“And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:” “But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.”

#### **2. To Disobey God’s Warning Is The Contempt Of Sin (4)**

“And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:”

#### **3. To Distort God’s Will Is The Conduct Of Sin (5)**

“For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

#### **4. To Deceive God’s Worshippers Is The Commitment Of Sin (6)**

##### **a. Satan’s Threefold Attack On Eve (6a-6c)**

###### **(1) He Met Her With A Physical Desire (6a)**

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,...”

###### **(2) He Met Her With A Pleasant Desire (6b)**

“...and that it was pleasant to the eyes,...”

###### **(3) He Met Her With A Prideful Desire (6c)**

“...and a tree to be desired to make one wise,...”

##### **b. Satan Tempts Adam By Eve (6d-6f)**

###### **(1) She Touched The Forbidden Fruit (6d)**

“...she took of the fruit thereof,...”

###### **(2) She Tasted The Forbidden Fruit (6e)**

“...and did eat,...”

###### **(3) She Tempted With The Forbidden Fruit (6f)**

“...and gave also unto her husband with her: and he did eat.”