

OHEL MOSHE

Bible Enigmas

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This essay is dedicated to the
memory of Alon Yoseph ben
Yaakov and Rechomo Garfinkel
Departed this world
summoned by God to Eternity
in the world of truth.

Alon Yoseph will repose with
all the tzadikim
tachas kanfei hashchina .

His soul will achieve eternity.
His soul always existed in the
mind of God .

It was only 42 years ago that
his soul was united with his
body.

His mission on earth ended
and he was called back by God

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20 Kislev 5779 from creation of
the world.

Story of Adam Eve losing eternal life and paradise.

Is it possible that God Himself post facto was in reality happy of the outcome of Adam and eve violating His

COMMAND NOT TO EAT FROM THE TREE OF WISDOM?

The purpose of creation is to have Jews study and observe all the Torah.

God did not give the Torah to Adam Noah Abraham Isaac or Jacob.

God wanted the offspring of Abraham to suffer in Egypt 210 years. 400 years from the time God made a covenant with Abraham to gift Eretz Yisroel Israel to eternity for the Jews.

That is why God intervened and skewed the mind of Rebecca to advise Jacob to

steal the blessings Isaac elected to bestow on Essau. In that way Essau would plot to kill Jacob. In order to prevent this murder, Jacob had to flee to Laban . There he would meet and marry his 4 wives. These 4 wives would have 12 male children the future 12 tribes.

Likewise God skewed the mind of Jacob to single out Joseph and bestow favors and

attention more than any of his older brothers. Also Joseph foolishly bragged about his dreams where he would be the master and all his brothers would be subordinated. It was God who in reality hacked into the minds of Jacob and Joseph and have them abandon caution to the winds.

The brothers were frightened that they would be abandoned

just like Ismael and Essah were abandoned.

Only Isaac and then Jacob remained to carry the torch of the chosen people the true seed of Abraham. Ismael and Esau were relegated to inferior status.

The brothers feared that a similar end would adhere to them . That Jacob had designated Yoseph as the torch

bearer of the Chosen people.
In order to prevent this the
brothers plotted to kill Yoseph.
Because of the intervention of
Yehudah they substituted to
sell him into slavery rather than
murder him.

God really plotted and
hacked into the minds of all the
actors to have these events
reach fruition.

Reason ? God wanted to find an excuse that Jacob and all his family end up in Egypt in order to have the promise to Abraham materialize. Once Jacob and his family were in Egypt The old king would die a new king would replace him . The new Pharaoh was very cruel and cunning.

The new king decides to enslave the offspring of Jacob

that now numbered in the hundreds of thousands . 210 years later they would number over 600,000.

At the end of 210 years of suffering as slaves God sends Moses to order Pharaoh to release the Jews.

Pharaoh refuses.

The 10 plagues follow.

Pharaoh capitulates.

There is the EXODUS.

Pharaoh relents and gives chase and reaches the Jews.

The red sea is split.

The Jews walk through the walls of roaring waters that become solid walls permitting the Jews to reach safety on the other side .

The Egyptian chariots and army follow the Jews in hot pursuit .

The two pillars of the solid walls of the waters of the Red Sea collapse . The roaring waters drown all the Egyptians other than Pharaoh .

The Jews proceed to Mt. Sinai. Revelation occurs .

The ten commandments and all the Torah is given before an assembly of 600,000 male Jews over 20 years old and millions of women and Jews

under 20 years old and non Jews who had joined the Exodus.

God wanted to give the Torah only when there would exist a great multitude of Jews millions to receive the Torah not single individuals.

In this way future generations would be able to show the authenticity of revelation that was witnessed by millions; not

the product and here say of a few individual as is true regarding all the other religions.

This was God's plan from day one with Abraham.

Why can't we interpolate and state that this was also the plan of God with Adam Eve and the snake?

That is why when Adam and Eve sinned and ate from the

fruit of the tree of wisdom their punishment was not instant death. Both lived to the ripe old age of 980 years.

However what I am writing here is pure speculation. I have no authority other than my own inquisitive mind. I am not stating a fact. I am merely posing a question .

When Elijah comes he will
answer this question if it has
any merit? T Y K U

T ISHBE[ELIJA THE PROPHET
WHO WILL ARRIVE PRIOR TO
MESSIAH] Y TARETZ [WILL
ANSWER]

KUSHOT[QUESTIONS]

U BAOT [AND ENIGMAS]

We will now proceed with the
essay.

Enigmas

[1] Genesis .

God creates the universe. God creates planet earth. God creates Adam . God creates Eve by having Adam fall asleep.

God carves Eve from the thigh of Adam. Both are placed in the garden of Eden. God forbids

Adam from eating the fruit from the tree of wisdom. He is permitted to eat the fruit from

all other trees. Adam informs Eve of God's command and - adds on his own- not to touch the tree of wisdom lest she dies

Suddenly out of nowhere a talking snake appears. The snake entices Eve to eat from the forbidden fruit from the tree of wisdom that God forbade. He tells Eve that God forbade them to eat the fruit from the tree of wisdom

because if they do eat they would become as wise and powerful as God Himself and compete with God . God in order to prevent competition banned them from achieving this goal by forbidding them to eat from the fruit of the tree of wisdom. The snake pushes Eve and she touches the tree of wisdom and does not die. The snake then convinces Eve that

just as she did not die by touching the tree of wisdom; so she will not die if she eats a part of the tree of wisdom the fruit or a branch.

Eve falls for the words of the snake and eats from the tree of wisdom. She also succeeds to entice her husband to likewise eat.

God arrives at the scene .
Adam and Eve are frightened.
They hide among the bushes.
God asks them why they are
hiding. Adam answers because
we are ashamed to appear
before God naked. God inquires
who told you that you are
naked? Have you eaten from
the fruit of the tree of wisdom?
Adam confesses but blames
Eve. God then asks eve why

she ate and induced Adam to eat. Eve confesses but blames the snake.

God pronounces his punishment. Adam and Eve lose their eternal life to live in physical bodies for ever as the Angels.

God consults with the Angels about booting Adam Eve from the garden of Eden lest they eat also the fruit from the tree

of everlasting life they would live for ever. Thus the punishment God meted out to Adam and Eve would be overridden. Then God would be challenged by mere mortals.

QUESTIONS.

[1] What kind of great wisdom is displayed by the knowledge of Adam and Eve that they were naked. They were the only humans on earth. They

had sex .[1] So what was the big deal that they recognized that they were naked? What kind of master wisdom is displayed that the recognized that they were naked?[2] Does such cognizance warrant the death penalty given by God to Adam and Eve [3] If Adam and Eve and Eve sinned why punish all future generations with the

death penalty? They did not sin.

[4] God is a God of justice and mercy. What kind of justice and mercy is displayed by such grotesque punishment?

[5] God also knows what is going to happen. God knew that Adam and Eve would not be able to withstand the enticing message of the snake. Why then did God permit the

snake to come around in the first place? [6] If he had to come around why meet with Eve rather than with Adam?

[7] Who was this talking snake ? Since when can a snake talk? Similarly, when Bilaam was contracted by the king of Moav to curse the Jews in the desert of Sinai. The mule upon which Bilaam was riding refused to move. Bilaam hit

the mule three times . The mule started to speak and rebuked Bilaam . Why he had stricken her three times? How can a mule talk?

There exists commentators who claim that the snake was Satan. God had sent him to test Adam and Eve.

[8]If that is the case, wouldn't this be entrapment ?

All religions have the story of creation of the universe .

Even Ezra Bible Genesis 3:1

cites Rav Sadia Goan

[approximately year 900-1000

ACE] that the snake did not

talk rather an angel did the

talking . Similarly in the story of

Bilaam that the donkey talked it

was an Angel that did the

talking. Other commentators

say that it was Satan in the case of Eve who did the talking.

Even Ezer criticizes such an interpretation. If the snake was not involved why was the snake punished?

Rather states

Even Ezer the snake at that time was walking erect . He possessed the faculty of speech and was very smart .

He however did not possess the wisdom of man.

An other interpretation is that it was Eve that was able to understand the hissing of the snake. She was able to carry on a conversation with the snake.

How is it possible that in reality two things occurred at the same time? If it was the snake talking human language Hebrew- then why is it

necessary to claim that Eve carried on a conversation in snake language by hissing?

So far we have four different scenarios.

It is crystal clear that Even Ezra citing Saadia Goan only are perplexed about the snake talking. They did not deny the entire story of Eve and Adam violating God's command not

to partake of the fruit of the tree of wisdom.

God in His ultimate wisdom and love for mankind made man a partner. Not in creation; but in sustaining creation.

God asked man to stay put not to do certain things. To observe a form of session of activity. Not to eat a certain fruit. Why that fruit? The reason remains a mystery.

However, would Adam and Eve have obeyed they would have demonstrated the relationship of man to God. Man recognizes that he is NOT GOD .

He is the created;
not the creator.

There exists boundaries that define the relationship. Even though man live in his bodily form for ever ;

nevertheless, he acknowledges that he owes his being every second to the grace of God. That was the cardinal sin.

By abstaining from eating the fruit or a branch of the tree of wisdom Adam and Eve would demonstrate that

**THEY OBEYED BECAUSE THEY
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY
WERE SUBSERVIENT TO GOD .**
They would acknowledge that

they were at the mercy of God.
THAT THE WORLD DID NOT
BELONG TO THEM ;BUT TO
GOD.

In human legislation you have
a similar law. When one
permits strangers to use his
property for an extended
period of time one loses title to
their property.

However if once a year one forbids the use of their property, one retains title.

So, too. God permitted Adam and Eve to use of every thing in Paradise; but forbid enjoying-eating from the tree of wisdom. In that way God retained ownership and title.

Thus Adam and Eve by enjoying –eating from the tree of wisdom in effect- challenge

God's title not only of the tree of wisdom but in a broader sense of creation of the universe. That was the cardinal

sin. They were

in reality

stealing taking

what did not

belong to them.

God was forced to assert his title by removing from the DNA of Adam and Eve the attribute of everlasting life in their bodily form . No longer would they be immortal like the Angels .

Yes their souls are immortal but not their bodies.

Since man failed this test God no longer could endow man to

live in his bodily form for ever.
God had to curtail this element
–eternal life -from the DNA of
man.

Future generations inherited
the DNA of ADAM and Eve that
lacked the quality of

ever lasting life in one's body.
Yes, the Soul is eternal but not
the body.

Thus we have an explanation
of all our questions.

They were punished not because they attained degree of wisdom awareness that they were naked. True this in itself is no big deal.

However the big deal is that they abrogated God's will.

THE IMPLICATION OF THE VIOLATION AS I OUTLINED ABOVE IS THE BIG DEAL.

Yes, at the end of days all deceased will resurrect and be

united with their souls and then
will live for ever
never to die.

The commentators further try
to explain the mindset of Eve.
Why did she accept the
narrative of the Snake rather
than that of her husband
Adam?

They posit that in the Talmud
when there exists two opposing

versions of an event by two witnesses according to Bet Shamai the testimony of both witness is neutralized.

The person receiving the testimony has to follow the law that exists without the benefit of human testimony.

Eve suspected that the Snake was in love with her and wanted to have sex with her. She saw him peeping when she

had sex with Adam. She suspected that he wanted to kill Adam and marry her- in order to have legal sex with her.

When Eve informed the snake that God warned not to eat the fruit of the tree of wisdom and not to touch the tree lest they will die.

The snake pushed Eve to the tree. Eve did not die. So the

snake continued talking and convinced Eve that eating the fruit or a branch of the tree would also not be lethal.

Eve reasoned that the snake loved her. Why would he push her to the tree and have her die? So the snake must know more than Adam. Just as touching the tree was not lethal so too, eating the f branch of the tree is not lethal.

This commentary wants us to believe that Eve was knowledgeable of a dispute between Bet Shamai and Bet Hillel regarding who is to be believed when two opposing narratives are presented.

This dispute occurred 2,000 year after the story of the Eve and the snake.

What we see here is the introduction of Medrish

another form of the Torah the Bible.

The Torah is to be interpreted in four different ways. All four forms complement each other. What does not make sense in one interpretation is explained and makes sense when one consults the other forms of interpretation.

God dictated every letter of the Torah to Moses when Moses wrote it down.

[1] PSHAT - A literal translation of the words that are historically true.

[2] HALLACHA- The Oral Torah. That was given at Sinai 3500 years ago to Moses who taught it to the Jews over the 40 years

the Jews wandered in the desert of Sinai .

The Jews wrote the Oral torah down on manuscripts that they brought with them from Egypt or God miraculously provided them .

These manuscripts were handed down from one generation to the next. These manuscripts form the content of the Mishnah and later the

Gemorah . Both are summarized and codified in the Riff ,Rambam, Tur , Shulcha Aruch – Bais Yoseph and Ramo with all commentators. New cases are interpreted in the light of prior precedent.

[3] DRUSH –reading into the story in the Bible one's own experience and wisdom supported from other sources

such as the Talmud or one's own philosophy. Reading into the Bible ONE'S OWN THOUGHTS.

[4] NISTOR – Mystical interpretation of the arrangement of the letters words and events in the Bible. Thus having eve make a decision based on the debate what occurred thousands of years later is DRUSH.

Furthermore, some commentaries claim that Eve ate and gave to Adam the fruit. Other commentaries claim that she ate and fed her husband part of bark or a branch of the tree of wisdom. The tree itself tasted like the fruit. Thus Eve thought she is circumventing the prohibition that forbade

only the fruit not the part of the tree itself.

They further try to excuse Adam that he trusted Eve and had no suspicion that she would feed him something not permitted.

Furthermore, Adam trying to ensure that Eve not eat the fruit lied and told her that it was also forbidden to touch the tree lest she die. So when the

snake threw her and she touched the tree and did not die, she mistakenly thought that eating the fruit also was not lethal.

Rav Avrohom the son of the Rambam in his prologue to the Agadah relates that Agadah fills in and explains portions of the Bible that do not make sense when interpreted literally.

That does not mean that they did not historically occur as literally written. We may not understand how or why but the answers exist ; It is we who are lacking the understanding; not the truth the reality of the literal meaning in the Bible.

I emphasize
that the Torah
consists of
Pshat. All parts
of the Torah
are to be read

literally and
represent
reality. The
story of Eve
and Adam
eating from the

fruit of the tree
of wisdom
historically did
exist.

THERE EXISTS TANAYIM
WHO SUSCRIBE THAT JOB IN

THE BIBLE BOOK JOB NEVER
EXISTED. IT WAS ALL
ALLEGORIC.

LIKEWISE , IN EZEKIEL 37 THAT
RELATES THAT THE BONES of a
MULTITUDE OF JEWS KILLED
were RESURRECTED IS ONLY
ALLEGORICAL .

IT NEVER HAPPENED.

RAMBAM in laws of Kings 12:1
CLAIMS THAT ALL TALMUDIC
STORIES PROPHEISING SIGNS

OF THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH ARE ALEGORIC. None can be relied as definite. All are open to speculation.

Rambam makes a very pragmatic statement

“WHEN the MESSIAH will arrive then we will know. We must wait for future events to unfold. “ Messiah” can very well be the messianic era. It can very well be the unfolding of

historical events in world history that can span 2000 years. However Rambam lays down some bench marks that will occur at the arrival of Messiah or Messianic era.

When Messiah arrives he will [1]conquer the land of Israel for the Jews.[2] peace will be restored all over the world .[3] All nations will destroy their arms[4] all financing for arms

will be converted for economic and health improvements .

[5] All nations will turn their spears into tractors to farm their land.

[6] DEATH WILL BE BANISHED.

[7] ALL HUMANS WILL LIVE FOR EVER.

[8] ALL THE DEAD WILL BE RESURRECTED.

[9] At that time we will find out the historical truth what happened at the time of Adam. Eve and the snake and the eating of the fruit or part of the tree of the tree of wisdom.

[10] God will increase the size of this planet.

[11] Even the animals will not kill each other.

[12] A child will play with
poisonous snake .

[13] Humans as well as wild
animals- lions tigers bear will
be vegetarians.

[14] There will not be animal
sacrifices at the rebuilt Jewish
temple in Jerusalem. Only
vegetable sacrifices.

[15] When all this happens all
people will acknowledge that

the Messiah or Messianic era has arrived.

[16]At that time the name of God will be One.

[17]There no longer will be religious wars.

[18] God will then appear and pronounce how He is to worshipped.

[19]The purpose of creation is to give honor to God.

[20] Honoring God means doing His will.

[21] By doing God's will we show that God is important . and recognize that He created the universes and also us. He gives us life.

[22] Honoring God means honoring parents honoring one's spouse.

[23]That means doing what the spouse wants. We make the spouse feel important.

[24]That adds years of life to the life of the spouse. Making the spouse feel important is the therapy that the spouse never be depressed. That is the magic bullet that the spouse always remain young. That the spouse never get Alzheimer disease. See my book #55.

[25] We must do what our spouse wants even if the spouse is 1 million % wrong.

[26]In money matters the husband should do what the wife wants.

[27]In spiritual matters the wife should do what the husband wants providing it is according to the law. No one should violate the law wherever they live.

CORRECTION

IN MY ESSAY WHO IS WISE
ONE WHO SEES THE FUTURE.

I MADE A TYPO. WHEN I
REFERRED TO

RaV MOSHE FEINSTIEN'S

"LANDSCAPE" DECISION

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN

“LANDMARK ” DECISION.

DECISION THAT ROCKS THE
SENSES .

RAV FEINSTEIN WAS
ADDRESSING JEWISH WOMEN
ONLY. HE ENUNCIATED THAT
WHEN A JEWISH WIFE
ABANDONS THE MARITAL
HOME AND SUES FOR ALIMONY
AND CHILD SUPPORT IN THE
SECULAR COURTS WITHOUT
FIRST SUING AT BET DIN THE

TORAH RELIGIOUS COURTS and wins she is guilty of stealing. The husband has the right to deny her religious divorce until she return.

ONLY WHEN SHE SUES AT BET DIN AND WINS WILL BET DIN ORDER THE HUSBAND TO GRANT HER A GET RELIGIOUS DIVORCE AND CHILD SUPPORT. IF HE REFUSES BET DIN WILL ANNUL THE MARRIAGE. SHE

WILL THEN BE FREE TO
REMARRY. HER CHILDREN
FROM MAN #1 AND #2 ARE
100% KOSHER. THEY ARE NOT
MAMZARIM-ILLEGITIMATE.
THEY CAN REMARRY WITH
OTHER JEWS.