

January 10–16  
Genesis 3–4; Moses 4–5  
The Fall of Adam and Eve



# The Garden of Eden

Moses 4:1-4

What did Christ seek to accomplish with His plan?

What did Satan seek to accomplish with his plan?

## Robert D. Hales

"Jesus Christ, using His agency, said: 'Here am I, send me.' 'Thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever.'

"Jesus, who exercised His agency to sustain Heavenly Father's plan, was identified and appointed by the Father as our Savior, foreordained to perform the atoning sacrifice for all. Similarly, our exercise of agency to keep the commandments enables us to fully understand who we are and receive all of the blessings our Heavenly Father has—including the opportunity to have a body, to progress, to experience joy, to have a family, and to inherit eternal life." (CR, April 2015)

J. Reuben Clark, Jr

"The plan called for redemption. One stood forth and said, 'I will redeem all mankind. Not one soul will be lost. I will surely do it. So send me' (Abr. 3:24-28.) That plan, when analyzed, involved, as the Lord has told us time and again, the destruction of our free agency. Just how we were to be redeemed under the plan and yet destroy our free agency we are not told. The proposer of that plan said to our heavenly Father, 'Give me thine honor'...

"Now this first personage, Satan... declared by his rebellion eternal enmity toward the plan that was adopted, and from that time until now, constantly sought to build the empire, the kingdom for which he planned, by leading us astray. He has never relented for a moment. Having our agency, he was to lead us to do evil." (CR, Oct. 1953)

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Moses 4:7-12

What did Satan promise Eve that she would receive if she ate of the forbidden fruit?

## George Q. Cannon

"The devil in tempting Eve, had told a truth when he said unto her that when she should eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they should become as Gods. He told the truth in telling that, but he accompanied it with a lie as he always does. He never tells the complete truth. He said that they should not die. The Father had said that they should die. The devil had to tell a lie in order to accomplish his purposes; but there was some truth in his statement. Their eyes were opened. They had a knowledge of good and evil just as the Gods have." (JD, 26:182)

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## Moses 4:17-19

What reason did Eve give for eating the forbidden fruit?

What reason did Adam give for eating the forbidden fruit?

Richard G. Scott,

"After they had partaken of the fruit, the Lord spoke with them. Their comments reveal some different characteristics of a man and woman.... Adam's response was characteristic of a man who wants to be perceived as being as close to right as possible. Adam responded, 'The woman thou gavest me, and commandest that she should remain with me, she gave me of the fruit of the tree and I did eat.'... Eve's response was characteristic of a woman. Her answer was very simple and straightforward: 'The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.'" (CR, Oct. 1996)



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Moses 4:22-25,29

What do you think the Lord meant by, “cursed shall be the ground for thy sake”?

## Eldred G. Smith

"We often hear it said that Adam was cursed because he partook of the forbidden fruit. The record says 'the ground' was cursed, not Adam. Then the Lord added 'for thy sake.' This means for his benefit; also for your benefit and mine.

"Adam and Eve had been in a state of stagnation: no progress—no growth—no reproduction. Without a change, they would have remained in that state forever. It was necessary for a change to take place. This change meant that Adam and all his posterity would have to work and overcome obstacles to provide the necessities of life." (CR, Oct. 1973)

# Cain Chooses Wickedness

Moses 5:9,12-13

What did many of the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve choose to do?

## Marion G. Romney

“We are endowed by our creator with agency. While in mortality, we live between powerful forces—the force of good and the force of evil. Between the two we must choose. There is no escape....

“Following their expulsion from the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were taught the gospel by heavenly beings and were instructed by the Lord to teach their children. This they did. Then 'Satan came among them, saying: ... Believe it not; and they believed it not, and they loved Satan more than God. And men began from that time forth to be carnal, sensual, and devilish.'

“This has been the pattern now for nearly 6,000 years. In each gospel dispensation, men have rejected the gospel and as a consequence have sunk into apostasy, debauchery, and darkness.” (“Choose Ye This Day”, Ensign, Feb. 1977)

# Cain Chooses Wickedness

## Moses 5:16-21

What hope did Eve have for Cain, her newborn son?

What did Cain choose for himself?

Why do you think Cain made an offering of “the fruit of the ground”?

Why was Cain's offering unacceptable?

## Joseph Smith

“Abel offered to God a sacrifice that was accepted, which was the firstlings of the flock. Cain offered of the fruit of the ground, and was not accepted.... Shedding the blood of the Only Begotten to atone for man was the plan of redemption; and as the sacrifice was instituted for a type, by which man was to discern the great Sacrifice which God had prepared; to offer a sacrifice contrary to that, no faith could be exercised.”  
(HC 2:15–17)

# Cain Chooses Wickedness

*Moses 5:22-27*

How did Cain react when was told what would happen if he choose wickedness?

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Moses 5:29-33

Cain says he is the master of the secret.  
What secret?

Why did Cain glory in what he'd done and  
believe that he was free?



## Hugh Nibley

"The great secret he learned from Satan was the art of converting life into property-all life, even eternal life! The exchange of eternal life for worldly success is in fact the essence of the classic Pact with the Devil" (Approaching Zion, pg 167)

"When he killed Abel he gloried in what he had done and was not ashamed. Why? Because he said, now I'm rich, and being rich will make me free" (Commentary on the Book of Mormon)

"And what Satan offers Cain here is money. You can have anything in this world for money, he says. That will see you through to get anything you want." (Ancient Documents and the Pearl of Great Price, pg 10)

# Cain Chooses Wickedness

Moses 5:34-38

When Cain understands that he will be punished, who does he blame for his actions?

Next Week:

January 17–23

Genesis 5; Moses 6

"Teach These Things Freely Unto Your Children"

