

THE APPLE WAS THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT

YEAH RIGHT!!!

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Genesis 2:9

9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Notice the tree of life was “also” or different from the other trees, as was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. There were trees made out of the ground, and then there were the other two trees. What really were they?

To help us grasp what was said here, let us read from Ezekiel 31:2-3.

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2 “Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his multitude:

‘ Whom are you like in your greatness?

3 Indeed Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon, with fine branches that shaded the forest, and of high stature; and its top was among the thick boughs.

We see in this scripture God called Assyria (a country) a cedar. In Jeremiah He referred to Israel as a green olive tree.

Jeremiah 11:16-17

16 The LORD called your name, Green Olive Tree, Lovely and of Good Fruit. With the noise of a great tumult He has kindled fire on it, and its branches are broken.

17 “For the LORD of hosts, who planted you, has pronounced doom against you for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger in offering incense to Baal.”

For one more scripture showing us that trees in the Bible are not always a natural tree but can be a description of people, cities, countries, etc. let us read from **Isaiah 61:3**.

3 To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

I have had people say, “using trees as a description was an old Testament thing”, but in Matthew 7 starting with verse 15, we see Jesus referring to

people as trees, telling us, “a good tree produces good fruit, an evil tree produces evil fruit”. He also says we will know which we are interacting with by their “fruit”.

Matthew 7:15-17

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

We plainly see the fruit referred to in this scripture was not an apple or any other natural citrus fruit. Now let us return back to the garden and read Genesis 2:16-17 and Genesis 3:5-6.

Genesis 2:16-17

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Do you see now that this tree was not a natural tree, nor the fruit a natural fruit, but a being that would feed her knowledge that could destroy her. The fruit of that being was lies.

BUT DIDN'T EVE EAT AN APPLE?

Not really. Let's inspect a few scriptures that pertain to a fruit that better fits this tree.

Isaiah 57:19

19 “ I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near,” says the LORD, “ And I will heal him.”

So the words we speak are called by God, the fruit of our lips.

Hosea 10:13 furthers this train of thought.

13 You have plowed wickedness; you have reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of lies, because you trusted in your own way, in the multitude of your mighty men.

We can be fed lies or truth. Eve chose lies, because she too, as in the above scripture, wanted to control her own destiny. Remember she was told “you can be like God, knowing good and evil”. She was offered the lie and she took it, hook, line and sinker. So the fruit was not an apple and the tree was not an apple tree.

WHAT WERE THEY?

Jesus says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” **John 14:6.**

Now let us read **John 8:44.**

44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer **from the beginning** (in the garden), and does not stand in the truth, because **there is no truth in him**. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for **he is a liar and the father of it.**

From these two scriptures, you tell me, who is the Tree of Life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

WAKE UP CHURCH!

May God forgive the church for eating the fruit from the tree of good and evil. By her partaking of this knowledge, and believing the lies taught through this evil wisdom, she has produced the fruit of false doctrines that has almost destroyed mankind. Unfortunately the church has also planted this seed in others who have in turn reproduced the deadly fruit also. Babylon (the world's religion) has welcomed merchants selling this rotten fruit for years, and from this knowledge, a world built on lies and deception has emerged with Satan at the helm. We must do our very best to expose the rotten fruit as the Lord shows it to us, that others are not tainted by it. Let us faithfully shine light on the world's wisdom, exposing the cracks and holes in it, so others are not deceived. We must dedicate ourselves to destroying the fruit of the tree of good and evil, and raising up others that they may help clear the land of this evil tree that appears so appealingly good while it so evilly destroys. It has produced many seeds however, and trees of unrighteousness are springing up everywhere. These plantings of Satan are watered daily by a dedicated, but deceived, church. The trees are quickly growing, churches are growing as they are blessed by the enemy, reproducing even more evil seed who are in turn producing more evil fruit. The roots of these unrighteous trees all run to one tap root however, and if that tree was removed, the rest would soon die.

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