

The Garden of Eden

Genesis 3:1-13

Eden is to show the original intimate relationship between a loving God and a sinless people ...whenever Eden is referred to in the Bible, it is pictured as a wonderful place: a fertile area, a well-watered oasis with large trees, etc. (Isaiah 51:3; Ezekiel 31:9).

Kenneth Kitchen (expert on Ancient Egypt) – The early chapters of Genesis show us much compression and figurative language, *of events that actually happened*.

Satan gets us to think ...

- God is overbearing and unreasonable.
- God is not truthful
- You can be your own god

We know Satan has had his way with us when we experience ...

- Shame
- Covering up
- Hiding
- **Blaming** ...

The Knowledge of Good and Evil ...

- Pride! Grandiosity!
- Self-Rule = Sin