

The Beginning of Misery

Genesis 3:1-7

Beginning

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The beginning of misery in three statements:

- Satan's **nature** is constant
 - Satan's **scheme** is consistent
 - Sin's **attraction** is unchanging
1. Satan's nature is constant – 3:1a
 - a. His names are descriptive – Rev 12:9; Rev 20:2
 - i. Devil – **slanderer**
 - ii. Satan - **deceiver**
 - iii. Serpent – **subtle**
 - b. His influence is devastating.
 - i. He is **present**
 - ii. He is **persuasive**
 - iii. He is **powerful**
 2. Satan's scheme is consistent Gen 3:1b-5
 - a. Satan will **cast doubt** on God's goodness.
 - b. Satan will openly **deny** God's word
 - c. Satan will stir **discontentment** in our heart
 3. Sin's attraction is unchanging verse 6-7 What Satan did with Eve is his modus operandi perpetually. (1 Jn 2:15-16)
 - a. She saw it was good for food – Lust of the **flesh**
 - b. She saw it was pleasing to the eye – Lust of the **eye**
 - c. She saw it would make one wise - **pride** of Life

Sin's consequences are **unrelenting**.

Someone is thinking: God is not **fair**.