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ADDER, ADDERS

The wicked are compared to an **adder** that refuses to listen to what other people have to say.

- **Psalm 58:3-5:** "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear; Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely."

The psalmist said that people would tread upon the **adder** without harm. (In the New Testament this is applied to the Messiah.)

- **Psalm 91:13:** "Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet."

David compared the words of the wicked to the poison of an **adder**.

- **Psalm 140:3:** "They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah."

ASPS, ASP

In the song that Moses taught the Israelites, he said the grapes of the enemies of Israel was like the cruel venom of **asps**. (In other words, the fruit of their idolatry was poisonous and cruel).

- **Deuteronomy 32:32-33:** "For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps."

Zophar compared the effect that wickedness has on the wicked to the gall of **asps**.

- **Job 20:14:** "Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him."

Zophar claimed the wicked would suck the poison of **asps**. (He seems to mean the wicked would be poisoned by their own wickedness and die.)

- **Job 20:16:** "He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him."

SERPENT, SERPENTS, SNAKE, SNAKES

The **serpent** spoke to Eve.

- **Genesis 3:1:** "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

The **serpent** began tempting Eve by asking questions about what God had said.

- **Genesis 3:1:** "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

The **serpent** who tempted Eve was male.

- **Genesis 3:1:** "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

The **serpent** tempted Eve, not Adam.

- **Genesis 3:1:** "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

God made the **serpent** that tempted Eve.

- **Genesis 3:1:** "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

In the beginning, the **serpent** was one of the beasts of the field.

- **Genesis 3:1:** "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

In the beginning, the **serpent** was the most subtle of all the beasts of the field.

- **Genesis 3:1:** "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

It seems Eve didn't think it was surprising that the **serpent** spoke to her.

- **Genesis 3:2:** "And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:"

Eve told the **serpent** they could eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden.

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Eve told the **serpent** that if they ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they would die (which was true).

- **Genesis 3:3:** "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."

Eve told the **serpent** that if they touched the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they would die (which was false).

- **Genesis 3:3:** "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."

The **serpent** tempted Eve by lying to her about the consequences of disobeying God.

- **Genesis 3:4:** "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die."

The **serpent** tempted Eve by asking her to trust him instead of God.

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The **serpent** tempted Eve by telling her a mixture of the truth and a lie. (It was true that their eyes would be opened. It was false that they wouldn't die.)

- **Genesis 3:4-5:** "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye

shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

The **serpent** tempted Eve by telling her that if she disobeyed God and ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, she would know good and evil (which was true).

- **Genesis 3:5**: "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

The **serpent** tempted Eve by telling her that the consequences of disobeying God would be something good and desirable, not something bad.

- **Genesis 3:5**: "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

The **serpent** tempted Eve by telling her that if she disobeyed God then she would become like a god herself.

- **Genesis 3:5**: "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

The **serpent** claimed that God lied to Eve about the consequences of eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (which was a lie).

- **Genesis 3:4-5**: "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye

eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

After the **serpent** tempted Eve, she believed that the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil would give wisdom to those who ate it.

- **Genesis 3:6:** "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

After the **serpent** tempted Eve, she believed that the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was good for food (meaning it could be eaten).

- **Genesis 3:6:** "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

After the **serpent** tempted Eve, she believed that the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was pleasant to look at.

- **Genesis 3:6:** "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

Although the **serpent** tempted Eve, Eve was the one who tempted Adam.

- **Genesis 3:6:** "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

When Eve was tempted by the **serpent**, Adam was with her.

- **Genesis 3:6:** "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

When God asked Eve what she had done, she admitted that she had eaten it but she tried to place the blame on the **serpent**.

- **Genesis 3:13:** "And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."

The **serpent** isn't what it used to be. It's been cursed.

- **Genesis 3:14:** "And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:"

The **serpent** has been cursed above all other animals and livestock.

- **Genesis 3:14:** "And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:"

Before God cursed the **serpent**, it didn't eat dust.

- **Genesis 3:14:** "And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:"

God held the **serpent** responsible for the part that it played in the sin of Eve.

- **Genesis 3:14:** "And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:"

Before God cursed the **serpent**, it didn't slither on its belly. Apparently it once had legs.

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life:"

God said that the seed of the **serpent** was going to injure the heel of the seed of the woman (the Messiah).

- **Genesis 3:15:** "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

God said that the seed of the woman (the Messiah) was going to be in a conflict with the seed of the **serpent**.

- **Genesis 3:15:** "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

God said that the seed of the woman (the Messiah) was going to injure the head of the seed of the **serpent**.

- **Genesis 3:15:** "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Just as there is a (singular) seed of the woman, so there is also a (singular) seed of the **serpent**.

- **Genesis 3:15:** "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

When Jacob gathered his sons to tell them what would happen in the latter days, he compared Dan to a **snake** that bit a horse

on its heels. (This seems to mean the tribe of Dan was going to be dangerous, which was accurate.)

- **Genesis 49:17:** "Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward."

When Moses cast his rod upon the ground, it became a **serpent**.

- **Exodus 4:3:** "And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it."

When Moses saw that his rod had become a **serpent**, he fled from it.

- **Exodus 4:3:** "And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it."

When Moses grabbed the **serpent** (which used to be his rod) by the tail, it became a rod again.

- **Exodus 4:4:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:"

The reason God told Moses to cast his rod down so it became a **serpent** was so the Israelites would believe that He had appeared to him.

- **Exodus 4:5:** "That they may believe that the LORD God of

their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee."

- **Exodus 4:8:** "And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign."

The rod of Aaron (not the rod of Moses) was the one that would become a **serpent** when it was cast down in front of Pharaoh.

- **Exodus 7:9:** "When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent."

The person who cast down his rod so it became a **serpent** in the sight of Pharaoh was Aaron, not Moses.

- **Exodus 7:10:** "And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent."

The magicians of Egypt were able to use enchantments to turn their rods into **serpents**. They were able to copy the miracle that Aaron did.

- **Exodus 7:11-12:** "Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods."

God told Moses to take in his hand the rod that was turned into a **serpent**. (At this point both the rod of Moses and the rod of Aaron had been turned into serpents.)

- **Exodus 7:15:** "Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand."

When the Israelites spoke against God, He sent fiery **serpents** to kill many of them.

- **Numbers 21:5-6:** "And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died."

The Israelites realized God sent fiery **serpents** among them because they had sinned and spoken against Him.

- **Numbers 21:7:** "Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people."

When the Israelites asked Moses to pray that God would take the fiery **serpents** away, Moses did as they requested.

- **Numbers 21:7:** "Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people."

When Moses prayed that God would take away the fiery **serpents**, God told Moses to create a model of a fiery serpent and put it on a pole.

- **Numbers 21:8:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live."

When Moses prayed that God would take away the fiery **serpents**, God told him that anyone who was bitten by a fiery serpent who looked at the serpent on the pole would live.

- **Numbers 21:8:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live."

When the Israelites were bitten by a fiery **serpent** and were about to die, they had to look at something *outside* of themselves to be saved (just as we look to Christ for salvation).

- **Numbers 21:8:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live."

When God commanded Moses to create a **serpent** and put it on a pole, Moses did so. (Those who looked at it were saved.)

- **Numbers 21:9:** "And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."

The wilderness that God led the Israelites through had fiery **serpents**.

- **Deuteronomy 8:15:** "Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;"

There are times when God uses **serpents** to punish the wicked.

- **Deuteronomy 32:24:** "They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust."

Hezekiah called the bronze **serpent** that Moses made "Nehushtan" (which seems to mean "brass").

- **2 Kings 18:4:** "He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan."

When the bronze **serpent** that Moses made became an object of worship, Hezekiah destroyed it.

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Job said that God used His hand to form the crooked **serpent**. (This seems to refer to a constellation of stars.)

- **Job 26:13:** "By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent."

The words of the wicked are compared to the poison of a **serpent**. (In other words, they're dangerous.)

- **Psalms 58:4:** "Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;"

The wicked are compared to a **snake** that won't listen to the voice of those who are trying to charm it. (In other words, the wicked refuse to listen to other people.)

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serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah."

Wine seems pleasurable at first, but in the end it will bite you like a **snake**.

- **Proverbs 23:32:** "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

One of the four things Agar found amazing was the way a **serpent** slithers on a rock.

- **Proverbs 30:1, 18-19:** "The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal, ... There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid."

Solomon said that those who breaks a hedge (damaging their neighbor's property) will be bitten by a **serpent**.

- **Ecclesiastes 10:8:** "He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him."

Solomon compared those who babble foolishly to a dangerous **serpent**.

- **Ecclesiastes 10:11:** "Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better."

In the millennium, poisonous **snakes** will no longer be

dangerous.

- **Isaiah 11:8:** "And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den."

In ancient times there were fiery flying **serpents**. Those were real creatures that actually existed.

- **Isaiah 14:29:** "Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent."
- **Isaiah 30:6:** "The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them."

God said that leviathan was a piercing and crooked **serpent**. (This may be a reference to the devil.)

- **Isaiah 27:1:** "In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea."

God said that one day He would use His great and strong sword to punish the serpent. (This may be a reference to the devil.)

- **Isaiah 27:1:** "In that day the LORD with his sore and great

and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea."

In the millennium, **serpents** will still eat dust. (It seems the curse that God placed upon them isn't going to be reversed at that time.)

- **Isaiah 65:25:** "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD."

God told Jeremiah that He was going to send **serpents** among the Jews, and they would bite them. (This seems to mean that God was going to send His judgment upon them.)

- **Jeremiah 8:17:** "For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the LORD."

When God spoke about Nebuchadnezzar smiting Egypt, He compared the voice of his invading army to a **serpent**.

- **Jeremiah 46:22:** "The voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood."

God compared the end-times tribulation to a man who entered his house and leaned on a wall, and was bitten by a **serpent**.

- **Amos 5:19:** "As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear

met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him."

God spoke of a **serpent** that lived at the bottom of the sea.

- **Amos 9:3:** "And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:"

The **serpent** licks the dust.

- **Micah 7:17:** "They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee."

God compared the end-times nations to the **serpent** who tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden, and compared their punishment to the punishment that the serpent received.

- **Micah 7:16-17:** "The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee."

If a child asks for a fish, a good parent would never give him a dangerous **serpent** instead.

- **Matthew 7:10-11:** "Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a

serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

- **Luke 11:11, 13:** "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ... If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Jesus commanded His disciples to be as wise as **serpents**.

- **Matthew 10:16:** "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

Jesus said that the scribes and Pharisees were serpents.

- **Matthew 23:33:** "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

Not being harmed by **snakes** was one of the apostolic signs that existed in the days of the early church.

- **Mark 16:17-18:** "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Jesus gave the 70 people He sent out to prepare the way for

Him power to tread on **serpents**. (This was said in the context of having authority to cast out demons.)

- **Luke 10:19:** "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Just as the Israelites who were dying of **snake** bite could look to the serpent on the bronze pole (which was outside of them) and be saved, so Jesus will save all those who look to Him for salvation.

- **John 3:14-15:** "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

The bronze **serpent** that Moses made in the wilderness was pointing to Christ. It was a picture of what the Messiah would do (which is save all those who looked to Him for salvation).

- **John 3:14-15:** "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Jesus told Nicodemus that He must be lifted up, just as Moses lifted up the bronze **serpent** in the wilderness. This means He spoke of His crucifixion at the beginning of His ministry.

- **John 3:14:** "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:"

When Paul was bitten by a poisonous **snake**, he wasn't playing with snakes for the fun of it. Instead he was gathering sticks for a fire so the survivors of a shipwreck could warm themselves in the cold.

- **Acts 28:3:** "And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand."

The **snake** that bit Paul was poisonous.

- **Acts 28:4:** "And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live."

When the people who lived on the island of Melita saw that a poisonous **snake** had bitten Paul, they thought that since Paul escaped dying in the sea, vengeance was using a snake to kill him. (They were wrong.)

- **Acts 28:4:** "And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live."

After the **snake** bit Paul, it continued to hold on to his hand.

- **Acts 28:4:** "And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live."

Even though Paul was bitten by a poisonous **snake**, it didn't harm him.

- **Acts 28:5:** "And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm."

When the people who lived on the island of Melita saw that Paul wasn't harmed by the poisonous **snake**, they decided he must be a god (because normal people would have been injured from the snakebite).

- **Acts 28:6:** "Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god."

When the Jews accused God of being evil, He punished them by sending **serpents** to kill them.

- **1 Corinthians 10:9:** "Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents."

Eve really was tempted by a **serpent**. Paul referred to it as a genuine historical event, not as a myth or fairy tale.

- **2 Corinthians 11:3:** "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

Eve was deceived by the **serpent** in the garden of Eden.

- **1 Timothy 2:14:** "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."

Adam wasn't deceived by the **serpent** in the garden of Eden.

- **1 Timothy 2:14:** "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."

People have been able to tame all sorts of beasts, birds, **serpents**, and aquatic life.

- **James 3:7:** "For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:"

The old **serpent** is the devil.

- **Revelation 12:9:** "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."
- **Revelation 20:2:** "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,"

SNAKEBITE

When the people who lived on the island of Melita saw that Paul wasn't harmed by the poisonous snake, they decided he must be a god (because normal people would have died from the **snakebite**).

- **Acts 28:3, 6:** "And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. ... Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god."

VIPERS, VIPER

Zophar claimed the wicked would be killed by the tongue of the **viper**. (He seems to mean the wicked would be poisoned by their own wickedness and die.)

- **Job 20:16:** "He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him."

God said that **vipers** lived in the south (Egypt).

- **Isaiah 30:6:** "The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them."

The people who John the Baptist called a generation of **vipers** weren't publicans or prostitutes. Instead they were the religious leaders of Israel (the Pharisees and Sadducees).

- **Matthew 3:7:** "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

It wasn't wrong for John the Baptist to call the religious leaders of his day "vipers". (That's exactly what they were.)

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Jesus referred to the generation of His day as a generation of **vipers**.

- **Matthew 12:34:** "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Jesus said that the scribes and Pharisees were a generation of **vipers**.

- **Matthew 23:33:** "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

The generation that was alive during the ministry of John the Baptist was a generation of **vipers**.

- **Luke 3:7:** "Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Although the Pharisees and lawyers went to see John the Baptist, they didn't repent. They truly were a generation of **vipers**.

- **Luke 7:30:** "But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him."

When Paul laid the sticks he had gathered on the fire, there was a **viper** in them.

- **Acts 28:3:** "And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand."

When Paul laid the sticks he had gathered on the fire, a **viper** came out of the sticks and bit his hand.

- **Acts 28:3:** "And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand."