

Special Issue

Eve's Curse: Redemptive Readings of Genesis 3:16

Message from the Guest Editor

In light of the developments featuring women around the world reclaiming their dignity in the face of male domination, it is becoming urgent to rethink the ancient “curse” on woman and the way that it has contributed to the oppression of women. Rather than read the text through the traditional Aristotelian lens used by church fathers and ancient rabbis to describe woman as the seductress and man as the legitimate authority over woman’s corrupt nature, this Special Issue proposes a re-imagining of the “curse” of Genesis 3:16 as redemptive rather than punitive. This will entail that the two key concepts *mashal* (“rule”) and *teshuqah* (“desire”) be re-interpreted with attention to Hebrew/Ancient Near-Eastern textual sources rather than through a Greek philosophical lens, as well as read in light of the immediate context of God’s words to the serpent and to man. This issue welcomes imaginative readings of this text to break new ground for gender relations.

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