Main Thought

Paradise is lost in this tragedy: tempter (1a), temptation (1b-5), sin (6), consequences (7), judgment (8-19), and epilogue (20-24).

The Tempter (Genesis 3:1a)

- **His Name**
  - He is called a serpent, the devil, the dragon, and satan who led the whole world astray (Rev. 12:9).
  - He is an angel created by God who rebelled (Isa. 14:12-15 – five “I wills”) with others (demons – Rev. 12:7-8); they were expelled from heaven and hurled to the earth (Rev. 12:9).
  - Satan inhabited an upright reptile created by God – perhaps a dragon (Rev. 20:2) later to crawl on its belly (14). Demons later inhabited pigs (Mark 5:11-13).

- **His Character**
  - He is crafty (heb=arum – naked [2:25; 2 Cor. 11:3]) – a clear and present danger to an unsuspecting, naive, and naked (heb=arum – naked) Eve. His cunning distortion of God’s words sounded like a winsome angelic theologian.
  - He is a roaring lion who devours (1 Pet. 5:8).
  - He is a murderer (John 8:44).
  - He is a Liar (John 8:44).
  - He is the evil one (Matt. 13:19, 2 Thess. 3:3-4; 1 John 3:12).
  - He is the prince of this world (John 12:31).
  - He is the god of this age (2 Cor. 4:4).
  - He is the ruler of this world (Eph. 2:2).
  - He is the leader of demons (Eph. 6:11-12).
  - He is a schemer (2 Cor. 2:11).