Main Thought  Paradise is lost in this tragedy: TEMPTER (1a), TEMPTATION (1b-5), SIN (6), CONSEQUENCES (7-8), JUDGMENT (9-19), and EPILOGUE (20-24).

JUDGMENT (9-19).

THE PUNISHMENTS FOR SIN (14-19).

1. THE SERPENT / SATAN (14-15).
2. THE WOMAN (16).

- As a result of her sin, the woman would adversely be affected in two most important areas of her life – her children and her husband.
- **HER CHILDREN** – She exchanged her immortality (conditioned upon obedience) for progeny. Though she would one day die, her progeny would continue.
- Her mandate to be fruitful and multiply would now be complicated by pain:
  (2) in BIRTH (labor pains). In the NT (1 Tim. 2:15), women are offered spiritual SALVATION (not physical survival giving birth – see Rachel [Gen. 35:16-18] by FAITH (holiness and propriety are its fruits) as a result of their (collectively) birth of the SAVIOR. Since Eve (the ARCHETYPE for all women) was deceived, woman (culminating in Mary) would be used to give birth to the Savior Jesus Christ. How fitting.
- **HER HUSBAND** – Because she ruled over (desired – 4:7) her husband (1 Tim. 2:13-14), her husband would rule over her. This was talionic justice (“eye for an eye”). She should have been his HELPER (2:18), not his RULER or TEACHER (1 Tim. 2:11-14). He even OBEYED her (17)!
- While God intended male leadership even before sin (1 Tim. 2:11-14), the judgment upon the woman for sin would now complicate this relationship.
- This meant “male leadership, not male dominance” (WALTKE).
- “The woman at her worst would be the nemesis to the man, and the man at his worst would dominate the woman” (ROSS). However, REDEMPTION should ease this tension for the husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church as the wife is to submit to her husband (Eph. 5:22-25).

3. ADAM (17-19).

- Adam’s judgment fits (talionic – “eye for an eye”) the crime: because he ATE, he would EAT (5x) with difficulty. Implicit is the strained relationship with Eve.
- Instead of ruling over the ground, it would rule over him and eventually swallow him (19; Psa. 90:3).
- While work was a blessing (2:15; Eccles. 2:24), now it would be PAINFUL (same word [16]). It would be a perpetual reminder of sin (Rom. 8:22).