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*Untruth; a sham,
deceit falsehood, a
liar, lie, lying, a vain
thing, or wrongfully.*

*Heed, respond
to; pay attention
to; speak to; sing,
shout, testify,
give account,
afflict, announce,
bring low, testify,
utter, or (bear)
witness.*

*A witness;
or testimony*

You shall not bear witness to your neighbor's false testimony!

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*Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which Yahuah Elohiym had made. And he said unto the woman: Yea, has Elohiym said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent: We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree, which is in the midst of the garden, Elohiym has said: Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman: **Ye shall not surely die:** 5 For Elohiym knows that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as elohiym, knowing good and evil.*

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 3:1-5

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We have false testimony here: *Ye shall not surely die:*

What were the ramifications of this falsehood? Did the serpent simply get his way? Or, did death come into the world where it hadn't been before?

And Yahuah Elohiym called unto A'dam, and said unto him: Where are you? 10 And he said, I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said: Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded you that you should not eat? 12 And the man said: The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And Yahuah Elohiym said unto the woman: What is this that you have done? And the woman said: The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. – Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 3:9-13

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*14 And Yahuah Elohiym said unto the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life: 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel. 16 Unto the woman he said, **I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in sorrow you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be to your man, and he shall rule over you.***

– Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 3:14-16

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*17 And unto A'dam he said: Because you have hearkened unto the voice of your woman, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying: You shall not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for your sake; in sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of your life;***

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you shall eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return unto the ground; for out of it were you taken: for dust you are, and unto dust shall you return.

– Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 3:17-19

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And it came to pass after these things, that his adoniy's woman cast her eyes upon El-Yoceph; and she said: Lie with me. 8 But he refused, and said unto the woman of his adoniy: Behold, my adoniy knows not what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand; 9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his woman: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against Elohiym?

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 39:7-9

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10 And it came to pass, as she spoke to El-Yoceph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. 11 And it came to pass about this time, that Yoceph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. 12 And she caught him by his garment, saying: Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. 13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, 14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spoke unto them, saying: See, he has brought in an Ivriy unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: 15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 39:10-15

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16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his adoniy came home. 17 And she spoke unto him according to these words, saying: The Ivriy servant, which you have brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: 18 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me and fled out. 19 And it came to pass, when his adoniy heard the words of his woman, which she spoke unto him, saying: After this manner did your servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. 20 And Yoceph's adoniy took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 39:10-15

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The ramifications of the lie:

- Yoceph spends two years in prison.

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 41:1

And what of his false accuser?

*And unto Yoceph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Acenath the daughter of Potiy Phera priest of On bore unto him. 51 And Yoceph called the name of the firstborn Menashsheh: **For Elohiym, said he, has made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.***

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 41:50-51

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*If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong; 17 Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before Yahuah, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days; 18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, **if the witness be a false witness**, and has testified falsely against his brother; 19 Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shall you put the evil away from among you. 20 And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. 21 And your eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.*

– Devariym (Deuteronomy) 19:16-21

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Take the story of Shushanah:

Now when the people departed away at noon, Shushanah went into her man's garden to walk. 8 And the two elders saw her going in every day, and walking; so that their lust was inflamed toward her. 9 And they perverted their own mind, and turned away their eyes, that they might not look unto heaven, nor remember just judgments. 10 And albeit they both were wounded with her love yet dared not one show another his grief. 11 For they were ashamed to declare their lust, that they desired to have to do with her.

– Shushanah (Susannah) 1:7-11

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15 And it fell out, as they watched a fit time, she went in as before with two maids only, and she was desirous to wash herself in the garden: for it was hot. 16 And there was nobody there save the two elders, that had hidden themselves, and watched her. 17 Then she said to her maids: Bring me oil and washing balls, and shut the garden doors, that I may wash me. 18 And they did as she bade them, and shut the garden doors, and went out themselves at privy doors to fetch the things that she had commanded them: but they saw not the elders, because they were hid.

– Shushanah (Susannah) 1:15-17

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19 Now when the maids were gone forth, the two elders rose up, and ran unto her, saying: 20 Behold, the garden doors are shut, that no man can see us, and we are in love with you; therefore consent unto us, and lie with us. 21 If you will not, we will bear witness against you, that a young man was with you: and therefore you did send away your maids from you. 22 Then Shushanah sighed, and said, I am straitened on every side: for if I do this thing, it is death unto me: and if I do it not, I cannot escape your hands. 23 It is better for me to fall into your hands, and not do it, than to sin in the sight of Yahuah. 24 With that Shushanah cried with a loud voice: and the two elders cried out against her. 25 Then ran the one and opened the garden door.

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28 And it came to pass the next day, when the people were assembled to her man Yahyaqiym, the two elders came also full of mischievous imagination against Shushanah to put her to death; 29 And said before the people: Send for Shushanah, the daughter of Qelkyahu, Yo`akiym's woman. And so they sent. 30 So she came with her father and mother, her children, and all her kindred. 31 Now Shushanah was a very delicate woman, and beauteous to behold. 32 And these wicked men commanded to uncover her face, (for she was covered) that they might be filled with her beauty. 33 Therefore her friends and all that saw her wept. 34 Then the two elders stood up in the midst of the people and laid their hands upon her head. 35 And she, weeping looked up toward heaven: for her heart trusted in Yahuah.

– Shushanah (Susannah) 1:28-34

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*36 And the elders said: As we walked in the garden alone, this woman came in with two maids, and shut the garden doors, and sent the maids away. 37 Then a young man, who there was hid, came unto her, and lay with her. 38 Then we that stood in a corner of the garden, seeing this wickedness, ran unto them. 39 And when we saw them together, the man we could not hold: for he was stronger than we, and opened the door, and leaped out. 40 But having taken this woman, we asked who the young man was, but she would not tell us: **these things do we testify.** 41 Then the assembly **believed them** as those that were **the elders and judges(!)** of the people: so **they condemned her to death.***

– Shushanah (Susannah) 1:36-41

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16 But if he will not hear you, then take with you one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

– Mattithyahu (Matthew) 18:16

At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 17:6

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42 Then Shushanah cried out with a loud voice, and said, O everlasting Elohiym, that know the secrets, and know all things be-fore they be: 43 You know that they have borne false witness against me, and behold, I must die; whereas I never did such things as these men have maliciously invented against me. 44 And Yahuah heard her voice.

*45 Therefore when she was led to be put to death, Yahuah raised up the ruach ha'qodesh of a young youth whose name was Daniy'el: 46 Who cried with a loud voice, I am clear from the blood of this woman. 47 Then all the people turned them toward him, and said: What mean these words that you have spoken? 48 So he standing in the midst of them said: Are ye such fools, ye sons of Yashar'el, that **without examination or knowledge of the Truth** ye have condemned a daughter of Yashar'el? 49 Return again to the place of judgment: for they have borne false witness against her.*

– Shushanah (Susannah) 1:42-49

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51 Then said Daniy'el unto them; Put these two aside one far from another, and I will examine them. 52 So when they were put asunder one from another, he called one of them, and said unto him: O you that are waxen old in wickedness, now your sins which you have committed aforetime are come to light. 53 For you have pronounced false judgment and have condemned the innocent and have let the guilty go free; albeit Yahuah says: The innocent and righteous shall you not slay. 54 Now then, if you have seen her, tell me, under what tree saw you them companying together? He answered: Under a mastic tree. 55 And Daniy'el said: Very well; you have lied against your own head; for even now the angel of Elohiym has received the sentence of Elohiym to cut you in two.

– Shushanah (Susannah) 1:51-55

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So he put him aside, and commanded to bring the other, and said unto him: O seed of Kena`an, and not of Yahudah, beauty has deceived you, and lust has perverted your heart. 57 Thus have ye dealt with the daughters of Yashar`el, and they for fear companied with you: but the daughter of Yahudah would not abide your wickedness. 58 Now therefore tell me: Under what tree did you take them companying together? Who answered: Under a holm tree. 59 Then said Daniy`el unto him: Well; you have also lied against your own head: for the angel of Elohiym waits with the sword to cut you in two, that he may destroy you.

– Shushanah (Susannah) 1:56-59

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*60 With that all the assembly cried out with a loud voice, and praised Elohiym, who saves them that trust in him. 61 And **they arose against the two elders**, for Daniy'el had convicted them of false witness by their own mouth: 62 And **according to the Torah of Mosheh they did unto them in such sort as they maliciously intended to do to their neighbor: and they put them to death.** Thus, the innocent blood was saved the same day. 63 Therefore Qelkyahu and his woman praised Elohiym for their daughter Shushanah, with Yahuyaqiym her man, and all the kindred, because there was no dishonesty found in her. 64 From that day forth was Daniy'el held in great repute in the sight of the people.*

– Shushanah (Susannah) 1:60-63

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We can determine the following:

Because a matter is established on the testimony of two or three witnesses:

- The testimony must be subject to challenge to determine its veracity
- Knowledge of whether the testimony is true or false must be had first

The ramifications of a false witness can be devastating:

- An innocent person may be put to death or have their life destroyed
- The fallout from such a thing wreaks havoc on the family and the social order around the family

Let's look at one more example – not well known but should be:

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Constantine's first born son Crispus, was the product of Constantine's first marriage to a woman named Minervina about whom little is known. Crispus became a great warrior on behalf of the Empire and even bore the title Caesar.

Constantine, however, had remarried a woman named Faustas, who was related to two fellows vying for control of Rome, the former capital. Constantine eliminated them as a threat, and his son Crispus went on to score major military victories on the way to securing New Rome under his father.

Faustas, have watched her family be destroyed in Rome, and, having three sons (the oldest of which was 10) concocted a plan to remove Crispus from the throne.

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In April of AD 320, Constantine had promulgated a law with regard to rape and the various parties involved. This new law, "added the voice of imperial authority to the cause of private morality, which was thus translated into the realm of public concern. Adultery and elopement, like rape, were species of theft from husband and father but also offenses against morality which husband and father had no business to ignore, whatever their personal inclinations." The punishment for rape under Constantine was very severe—it was actually softened in AD 349 by Constantius II to just capital punishment. According to Judith Evans Grubbs, "The original penalty may have been *summum supplicium* ('the supreme penalty'), a form of death such as condemnation *ad bestias* [that is, to be torn apart by wild beasts] or burning."

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Fausta's plan was simple. Just make a false report concerning rape. The story goes that she tried to seduce Crispus, but he balked (he had a wife and child at the time), and hurriedly left the palace. Undaunted, she told Constantine that Crispus did not respect his father, since he was in love with her and had tried to rape his father's wife. Constantine believed her, and had his eldest son executed.

A few months later, however, Constantine discovered how his wife had manipulated him into killing Crispus. He then had her executed by tossing her into boiling water. He then issued a *damnatio memoriae* ("condemnation of memory") to erase her from official accounts – a form of dishonor issued against traitors and those who brought discredit to the Roman state. This haunted him to his last days, and he never remarried.

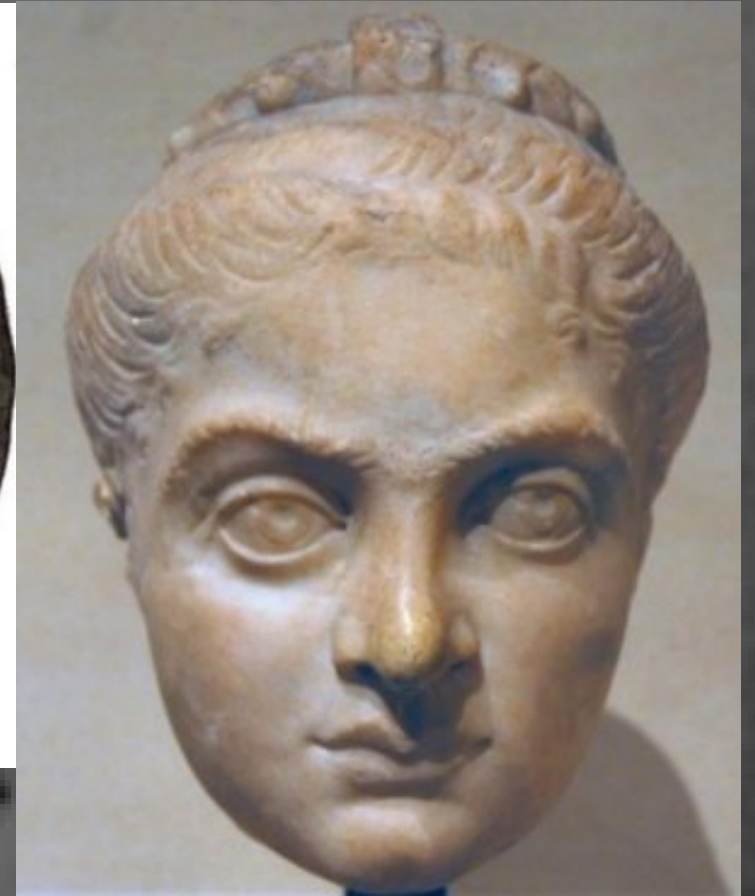
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Constantine – born in York, England



Crispus – son of Constantine



Fausta – wife of Constantine

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With the death of the son, the empire could not maintain its unity
Rome divided (a division still in place today);

Constantine's grandson through Fausta would use his post to loot the
Western Empire for the benefit of the Eastern Empire;

Silurean (Welsh) King Arthur I would war on behalf of the unity of
the Empire but unsuccessfully.

The west was looted and went dark for 500 years!