

**Genesis 2:16 - The Lord God [אֱלֹהִים]
יְהוָה (YHWH 'Elohim): Jesus Christ]**

commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may freely eat;

v. 17 - but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for the day that you eat from it you will surely [מוֹת (moth): the Qal infinitive absolute:¹ die spiritually] die [תָּמוּת (tamuth): the Qal imperfect:² beginning the process of dying physically].”

¹Qal infinitive absolute: can be used with other verbs to express two verbal actions occurring at the same time, that is, contemporaneous action.

²Qal imperfect: Designates a verbal action for which the conclusion is not in view. The imperfect aspect denotes incomplete action, whether in the past, present or future.

Gary D. Pratico and Miles V. Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001), 131; 130.