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# GENESIS

## **Book of Beginnings**

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"put him" П<u>1</u>] *nuah* "to place, set, deposit" the root idea is rest <u>Gen. 2:16</u> The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

<u>Gen. 2:17</u> but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." לא תאֹכָל Qal impf, 2ms of the אָכַל ׳akal, "You will not eat." The imperfect verb plus the negative Io, is the strongest form of prohibition. This is the same grammatical structure you have in the Decalogue.

### קוֹת הָקוֹת moth tamuth This is the same grammatical structure we saw with eating.

#### 1) The introduction of human responsibility

2) The introduction of authority and accountability: man will die spiritually, there are consequences to disobedience to God.

3) The first mention of tasks which underlies the later doctrines of the calling or vocation of God in relationship to work.