

Susanna's Entrapment

Susanna 1-27 (Daniel 13; Susanna and Daniel)
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Susanna was a beautiful woman. Her husband, her children, her entire family adored her and knew her to be a devout worshipper of the Lord. Susanna's husband was a wealthy and influential man within the Jewish community in Babylon. Other powerful men frequented their home in a desire to curry favor with her husband.

Two such men, both judges, visited daily and often lingered, hoping to catch a glimpse of Susanna walking in her garden, as she did every day. They had both become enthralled by her beauty, and soon all they could think of was having sex with her. They kept their desires to themselves until one day while loitering in the garden they stumbled upon each other and admitted their shameful longings. They agreed to work together to bring their wishes to fulfillment.

One hot day, Susanna came into her garden with two servant girls. She told them, "Bring me some oil and perfume. And close the garden gate. I want to bathe."

The servants did as she said and went back into the house. With the gate closed, Susanna had complete privacy... or so she thought. She undressed and stepped into the pool. Suddenly, the two judges were there. They'd been hiding in the garden, waiting for an opportunity. They said, "We both want you. Have sex with us right now or we'll tell everyone we caught you making love with a young man."

Susanna felt trapped, but refused to yield. She screamed for help.

One of the men started shouting at her. The other ran to open the garden gate, as ostensible proof of how the young man had escaped. When the servants arrived, they were stunned at the accusations these men were making about their mistress.