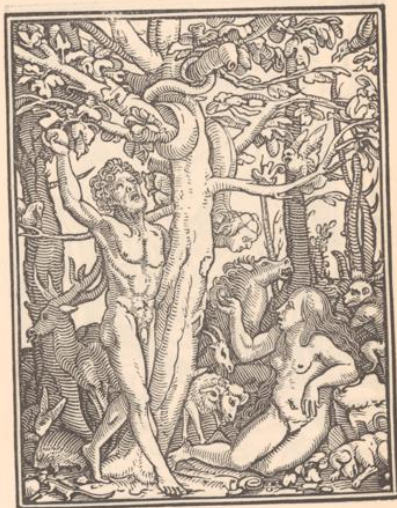


II.

THE TEMPTATION.



*“ Quia audisti vocem uxoris tuæ, et comedisti de ligno, &c.”—
Gen. iii.*

Eve has just received the forbidden fruit from the serpent, who, on the authority of venerable Bede, is here, as well as in most ancient representations of the subject, depicted with a female human face. She holds it up to Adam, and entices him to gather more of it from the tree.