

Genesis 2:8-17 The Garden

II. God plants a garden

- A. In Eden. (v.8)
 - 1. Eastward, relative to what?
 - 2. And *puts* the Man there (OJT?)
- B. And (waw conjunctive => immediately following) Caused trees to grow (v. 9)
 - 1. Pleasant to the sight - Ornamental
 - 2. Good for Food – Agricultural
 - 3. Tree of Life **Rev 2:7, 22:2, 14**
 - 4. Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil **Deu 1:39-40, 30:15-20**
- C. River to water the Garden (vv. 10-14) **Ezek 28:11-15**
 - 1. Four Heads
 - a) Pison – skirts Havilah. Gold, Bdelium, Onyx
 - b) Gihon – goes around Cush
 - c) Hiddekel (Tigris) – toward the East of Assyria
 - d) Euphrates
- D. Purpose of Man in the Garden (v. 15)
 - 1. To dress (work) it
 - 2. To keep it
 - 3. Work is good
- E. The Command (first in Bible) (v.16)
 - 1. May eat of every tree, including the Tree of Life (permission)
 - 2. Except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Command!)
- F. Warning (v.17)
 - 1. Eating of the Tree of the Knowledge of good and Evil has consequences
 - 2. You **Shall Surely Die** (מוֹת, mut, one word)

Genesis 2:8–17 (NKJV) ***Life in God's Garden***

⁸The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. ¹¹The name of the first *is* Pishon; it *is* the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold. ¹²And the gold of that land *is* good. Bdelium and the onyx stone *are* there. ¹³The name of the second river *is* Gihon; it *is* the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river *is* Hiddekel; it *is* the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river *is* the Euphrates.

¹⁵Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

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Deuteronomy 1:39–40 (NKJV)

³⁹ ‘Moreover your little ones and your children, who you say will be victims, who today have no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in there; to them I will give it, and they shall possess it. ⁴⁰ But as for you, turn and take your journey into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea.’

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 (NKJV)

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, ¹⁶ in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I announce to you today that **you shall surely perish**; you shall not prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; ²⁰ that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He *is* your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

Revelation 2:7 (NKJV)

⁷ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” ’

Revelation 22:2 (NKJV)

² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

Ezekiel 28:11–15 (NKJV) ***Lamentation for the King of Tyre (Satan)***

¹¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹² “Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD:

“You *were* the seal of perfection,
Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God;
Every precious stone *was* your covering:
The sardius, topaz, and diamond,
Beryl, onyx, and jasper,
Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold.
The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes
Was prepared for you on the day you were created.

¹⁴ “You *were* the anointed cherub who covers;
I established you;
You were on the holy mountain of God;
You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

¹⁵ You *were* perfect in your ways from the day you were created,
Till iniquity was found in you.