

## *Garden and Paradise – The Same Place*

**The Garden of God** was the place where **heaven and earth met together in the very person of Adam**. It represents man living in the presence of God, walking with the mind of God and clothed with the glory of the incorruptible life of God. The Garden of God is about man living above sin, sickness, fear, pain, sorrow and death. In the garden we see man made in the **image and likeness of God** and having dominion over all things. Spiritually speaking, it is **a state of being in Christ!**

**The Garden was a realm where there was no separation from God.** It was a realm where man was in complete union with God and where man could walk and talk with God. It was the dimension of **spirit and body, heaven and earth, visible and invisible, celestial and terrestrial**, in harmony as one.

**John 14:20** (AMP) says, “At that time [when that day comes] you will know [for yourselves] that **I am in My Father, and you [are] in Me, and I [am] in you.**”

In the beginning Adam was to manifest the fire/glory of God in the earth. The Hebrew word for **fire** is *esh*. It is spelled with the Hebrew letters, **aleph** and **sheen**. Aleph represents *an ox and denotes strength*. Sheen means, *teeth and denotes consuming or devouring*. **Fire** means, *a strong devourer*. Our God is a consuming fire (Deut. 4:24, Heb. 12:29). We must remember that we were made in His image and likeness to have dominion. Nothing has changed. This is why God sent His Son to restore us and to fulfill what He intended from the beginning.

The Hebrew word for **man** (male) is *ish*. Man is spelled with the Hebrew letters, **aleph, yood, and sheen**. **Man** was the word **fire** with the

yood in the middle. Yood literally means, *a deed or a work*. Thus man was meant to manifest the fire (aleph & sheen; glory) of God in all His deeds or works (yood).

**Ezekiel 28:13-14** – **"You were in Eden, the garden of God;** Every **precious stone** was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the **gold**, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, were in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared. (14) "You were the **anointed cherub** who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the **holy mountain of God**; You walked in the midst of the **stones of fire...**

**Ezekiel 28:13-14** speak of Adam, **"You were in Eden, the garden** (state of being in Christ, rich cultivated spot, a bride, paradise, planting of trees) **of God; every precious** (highly valued, weighty, splendid, glorious) **stone** (I Peter 2:5, Eph. 2:20-21 speak of foundation stones; Matt. 16:18 Peter - Petros, piece of "rock" – "upon this rock I will build My church" (Ecclesia, the word representing the pure church, is a Governmental Assembly, selected, called, chosen to execute God's plans & purposes which are orchestrated and governed by the Holy Spirit not by man's doctrines, rituals, or customs); the church will be built *on Petra* (large Rock; Christ Jesus) **was your covering: the ruby, the topaz, and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper; the lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald** (these jewels are the same jewels that were found on the High Priest's breastplate); **and the gold**, (divine nature) the **workmanship** (ministry) of **your settings** and **engravings** (implementing worship) **were in you**. **On the day that you were created they were prepared. (14) "You were the anointed** (to smear, to anoint; consecration) **cherub** (Adam was to guard, protect, and keep the garden; the cherub was a guardian of Eden and so was Adam, Gen. 3:24; the cherub was a chariot of Jehovah, 2 Sam. 22:11; a Cherub is also known as the revelation of God, one who is near to God, one who ministers to Him and is admitted into His presence, 1 Kings 6:23. The Cherubim were carved into the walls (salvation) of Solomon's Temple.

The four living creatures are also known as cherubim) who covers, and **I placed you there. You were** on the holy mountain of **God**; you walked in the midst of the stones (We are living stones -1 Peter 2:5, Eph. 2:20-21), of fire” (consumed in the fire of the Holy Spirit).

When Adam was in the garden, the state of being in Christ Jesus, he was a precious jewel that exemplified the very nature and character of God. All the gemstones were his covering. The gemstones represented the governmental character of God and His workmanship within. Adam was the anointed guardian of the habitation of God (Eden). He walked in the revelation and illumination of the Lord as a living stone consumed by the fire until he fell and imputed mortality, death to all humanity. Because of his fall, humanity received skins of flesh.

Remember, in **Hebrew Aleph & Sheen** spell **fire**, when you add **Yood** in the middle of aleph and sheen the word spells “**Man**”. It means **Man** manifesting the fire of God in all his deeds or works. God is a consuming fire.

The garden was not merely where man was, it was what he was. As He is so are we in the earth today (1 John 4:17)!

## *The Garden Was Within Adam*

The **garden** is who God is in us, a pleasant cultivated place that is delightful. He is Spirit and when we come into agreement with that environment, which is the Word and the life of the Spirit, we will manifest Him.

**Galatians 4:6** says, “God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son you’re your hearts [...]”

The dictionary defines a **garden** as a *rich cultivated spot or tract, a delightful place*. So is our garden when we are in the Spirit. We become

the habitation of the very nature and character of the Most-High God, manifesting His presence. We become one with Him (John 17:21). It is no longer just a word that we have learned to quote but it is the reality of the manifestation of Who God is in us. We become a living example and expression of the Word because we are manifesting Him in our lives. As we are cultivated by the living Word of God and His Spirit, we become a rich, delightful habitation of the Most-High God; His garden.

Adam was to tend the garden, to guard it, to be a watchman and to have charge over it. He was to be in charge of everything within it. In the garden there was a main River which branched off into **four separate rivers**. **The four rivers poured forth** into the whole earth. We know the number four has a globular/universal meaning that the rivers cover all four corners of the earth.

**Genesis 2:15** says, “And the Lord **God took MAN** and put him in the **Garden** to **tend** and **keep it**.”

Here is the verse again with more detail.

Then the LORD **God took the MAN** and put him into the **garden** (paradise, of a bride, planted with trees, presence of God) **of Eden** (pleasure, first habitation of man, fertile plain, paradise, delight) **to cultivate it** (tend, work, serve, servant, dress) and **keep it** (guard, keep watch, protect, be a watchman, have charge of).

Genesis 2:15 tells us that those who become one with Christ, His habitation, His dwelling place, His pleasure, who **keep watch, guard and protect** (to stand in the gap and intercede) will have the right to spread healing and judgment in the earth. This was God’s purpose and plan for mankind all along.

## *The Garden is Paradise*

The **garden of God** in Genesis 2:9 is also known as the **paradise of God** mentioned in Revelation 2:7.

**Genesis 2:9** says, “And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; **the tree of life** also **in the midst of the garden**, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.”

**Revelation 2:7** says, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the **tree of life which is in the paradise** of God.”

Paul says in **2 Corinthians 12:4** that he “was caught up into **paradise** (Garden, presence of God, delight, cultivated place) and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.”

## *We Are the Garden*

In the next few scriptures we will discover that we are described as being the **garden** and the **springs of living water**. However, we can only become them when we spend quality time in God’s presence; that is being in Christ and being cultivated by the Spirit as His bride (2 Cor. 5:17).

**Song of Solomon 4:5** says, “You are a **garden spring**, a **well of fresh water**, and streams flowing from **Lebanon**” (to be white, purify).

**Song of Solomon 5:1** also says, “I have come into **my garden**, my sister, **my bride**”

And **Isaiah 58:11** tells us, “And the LORD will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones and **you will** be like a **watered garden**, and **like a spring of water** whose **waters** do not fail.

**Genesis 2:8** – The LORD God **planted a garden** toward the **east**, in **Eden**; and there He placed **the man** whom He had formed.

**Genesis 2:8** with added clarity – “The LORD God **planted a garden** (of a bride, planted with trees, cultivated place, defend, cover, protect) **toward the east**, (eternal, meeting, confront, rise in morning with dawn of a new day) **in Eden** (pleasure, first habitation of man, paradise, delight); and there **He placed** (appoint, ordained, established, transformed into, fashioned, make for a sign) **the MAN** (Adam, mankind) **whom He had formed.**”

In these scriptures it is clear that all along the Lord God’s intention was to be one with His offspring who were represented by a well-watered garden as His bride, His trees that have been cultivated. In the book of Revelation, chapter twenty-one, we see God’s ultimate purpose for those who have been cultivated as His prepared bride, His dwelling place, the habitation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 21:2-3** – And I saw the **holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.** <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the **dwelling place of God is with man**, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God...],

Here we see the consummation, in and with God, of our true identity; as a prepared bride, a holy city, and the new Jerusalem; to rule and reign with Christ as the abode of God.

**Revelation 22:2** (BSB) – In the **middle** of the main **street** of the city. On **either** side of the **river** stood a **tree of life**, producing **twelve kinds of fruit** and yielding a fresh crop for each month. And the **leaves** of the **tree** are for the **healing** of the **nations**.

As His offspring who have come into maturity, we see that the **leaves of the trees** that had been nurtured and tended in the Garden were now being established to have dominion and to rule and reign as priests and kings of the Most-High God. Once established, the mature bring **forth fruit** in due season so that the glory of God would cover the earth. From Genesis to Revelation the full picture of our true identity in Him is seen.

For a better understanding of the verse, more detail is provided below.

In the **middle** (midst, among, with) of its **street** (form, mold, shape, used of a potter). On **either side** (within, by, fixed position, relation of rest) **of the river** (torrent, flood, stream, *to receive into the soul*, to refresh, to strengthen, to nourish into life eternal, to drink; reference John 7:37, Matt. 6:25, Mk. 14:25, Rev. 6:6) **was the Tree of Life** (Jesus Christ is the Tree of Life), **bearing twelve** (government of God) **kinds of fruit** (When we bear fruit we “reproduce” fruit; we give praise, we reap a harvest, we become a progeny. In the Strong’s Concordance the Greek word harpazo (G726) means to be caught up. In Acts 8:39 Phillip was caught up. In 2 Cor. 12:2 Paul was speaking about a man he knew that was caught up in third heaven; 2 Cor. 12:4 “Caught up in Paradise”, snatch out or away, take by force, to seize, and it also means to be elected to office) **yielding a fresh crop** (fruit) **for each month**; and the **leaves** (sprout, to beget, bring forth, shoot forth, produce, tribe, nation, people) **of the trees** (wood, humanity, a cross, stick, staff, wooden pitcher from which water or wine is poured) **were for the healing** of the **nations**.

As we see in this scripture, fruit not only means to reproduce fruit and to reap a harvest but it also means to be caught up. We see the manifestation of being “caught up” in Acts 8:39 with the account of Philip and the eunuch. Once Philip finished baptizing the eunuch, in the Spirit Philip was “caught up” and he instantly appeared in Azotus. Also, in 2 Corinthians 12:3-4 Paul was speaking about a man he knew that was “caught up” in third heaven, paradise, and heard inexpressible words which a man is not permitted to speak.

This scripture speaks powerfully about the very essence of the character and nature of God flowing through a governmental people; His offspring bearing a fruitful harvest from being in His presence. A people who have been caught up in Him and who have been molded and formed in His likeness in the River of the Holy Spirit that brings forth nourishment of the procreative power of God being poured out for the healing for the nations. As we see in the following scriptures the leaves that are planted by this river will bear fruit in their season and will prosper where they are sent.

**Psalm 1:3** tells us, “**He** will be like a **tree firmly planted** by **streams** of **water**, which yields its **fruit** in its **season** and its **leaf** does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.”

As we understand that the garden means a rich cultivated place that has been cultivated in Christ, we get a real revelation of the meaning of the waters in the beginning of Genesis. The Word of God says in **John 7:38**, “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his **innermost being** (belly, matrix) **will flow rivers of living water**.’” Here we can see that the waters that flow from the garden, the presence of God, is no other than the Holy Spirit that is to flow out of us.

### *Four Rivers Flowed Out of Eden*

**Genesis 2:10** – Now a **river** flowed out of **Eden** to **water the garden**; and from there it divided and became four rivers.

**Genesis 2:10** says, “Now a **river** (Holy Spirit, flowing, to shine, light, burn, be radiant, assemble flow together, be light) **flowed out** (come out of, went forth) **of Eden** (from the habitation of man, which was paradise, and a delightful pleasurable spot) **to water** (to drink and be watered, that is nourished) **the garden**; (state of being in Christ, His bride) **and from there it divided and became four rivers**.”



The River of the Holy Spirit flowed out of the habitation of Man and watered (poured forth the Spirit), as His Bride, His garden. It became a universal extension of His government of a choice, select company who live and have their being in Christ as heads of the Mountains (highest order of authority and power) of the Lord representing Him in the earth that the knowledge of the glory of God to would cover the earth.

In the beginning God put a **RIVER** (to shine, light, burn, flow to all peoples by and through the Holy Spirit in Adam) **in Eden** (the habitation of man, a delightful pleasurable spot) **to water** (to drink of the Holy Spirit) **the garden** (a state of being in Christ) and it **split** (divided) **into four** (globular, universal) **rivers** (*to receive into the soul*, to refresh, strengthen, nourish into life eternal, to drink of the living water to become a company of leaders, chiefs of cities, nations, family and priest). **Through** mankind (**ADAM**) God's power and authority would flow to bring forth healing to all people; as long as Adam watched and kept the **presence** of GOD in His **GARDEN** (as a cultivated place of the Holy Spirit also known as paradise).

**Genesis 2:11-12** – The name of the first is **Pishon**; (free flowing, increase, be fat and to disperse) **it flows around the whole land of Havilah**, (to travail, twist, dance,) **where there is gold** (divine nature). (12) The gold of that land is good; the **bdellium** (an excellent, selected & chosen pearl) and the **onyx stone** (that has been blanched & purified in fire) are there.

As **Adam** kept watch and protected the presence of God in the **garden**, the habitation of God, he flowed freely (**Pishon**) in the power and authority of the Holy Spirit that increased, spread, and went forth in righteousness as His chosen who have been purified through the fire (**bdellium**) that would flow throughout the **EARTH** by the **declaration of Adam's mouth**.

As we have seen in **Genesis 2:10** the main **River in the garden**, the **River of the Holy Spirit, branched out into four river heads** (which was also symbolic of a governmental company of God in the habitation of **MAN** (Adam) made of light and glory of the fire of God that divided into **four** (globular, universal) **corners** (river heads that branched out as the *top of Mountain*; that is supreme governmental power and authority of Christ *as His choice company of chief heads that are symbolic of the height of stars as light*, illumination and understanding into **the whole earth**).

**Isaiah 11:4** – But with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; and He will **strike** (smite, destroy, and send judgment,) the earth with **the rod** (His branch, His chosen with a scepter of correction) **of His mouth**, (word in his mouth, of His speech & language), and with the **breath** (Spirit) **of His lips** (boundary, and conclusion, of a consummation, of His finished work) **He will slay** (put to death, kill) **the wicked** (those who are ungodly, guilty and lawless).

In other words, His chosen, His elect will slay the wicked with the breath of the Spirit in their mouth.

In **Genesis 2:10-14** the names of the rivers are given. The rivers have an order and speak of what we become as we allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in all things.

The rivers and their meanings are as follows:

1. **Pishon** means free flowing, increase, to spread, be fat and to disperse. It was located in the land of **Havilah** which means circle, wait anxiously, *travail*, whirl and to dance (Gen. 2:11).
2. **Gihon** means the river of *bursting forth or breaking forth*. It was located in the land of Cush, which means black, the land occupied

by the descendants of Cush located around the southern parts of the Nile (Ethiopia), (Gen. 2:13).

**Micah 4:10** – **Be in pain**, and **labor to bring forth**, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in **travail**: for now, shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

**Galatians 4:19** – My little children, of whom I **travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you**.

3. **Hiddekel or Tigris River** means rapid, active, vehement, enter into a privy chamber or inner chamber (Gen. 2:14).

**Daniel 10:4-6** – And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is **Hiddekel** (active in the inner chamber of the King); (5) Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose **loins** (procreative power) were girded with **fine gold** (divine nature) of **Uphaz** (region producing gold, that represent lightning-as sons of God, with illumination, understanding): (6) His body also was like the **beryl** (precious stones, of Chrysolite *also known as* Topaz that are one of stones in breastplate of High priest), and his **face** (identity) as the appearance of **lightning** (light, sons of God, become arrows of illumination, understanding and revelation), and his **eyes** (vision, sight, insight & understanding as *lamps of fire of the 7 spirits of God*), and **his arms** and **his feet** like in color to polished **brass** (judgment & justice), and the **voice** of **His words** like the **voice** of a **multitude** (overcomers, elect, chosen).

When we live in the inner chamber of the King, Christ Jesus we will appropriate His character and procreative power as His manifested sons with understanding, illumination and revelation. These are those who

have qualified to rule and reign with Christ in the millennium as a VOICE of a multitude, that is His elect, His chosen, His precious stones.

**Revelation 4:5** – “And there were *seven lamps of fire* burning before the throne, *which are* **THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD**

4. **Euphrates** means to increase, break forth and become fruitful (Gen. 2:14).

**From One Main River, the River of the Holy Spirit, four Rivers** branched out of **Eden**, out of **Paradise**, which was the **Garden** that ran out of **Adam**.

The river is symbolic of the Holy Spirit who is the Light, the Living Water. The Living Word is Christ who flows out of His bride symbolic of the **garden** (Adam, Eden – habitation of man) being one, in union with God.

When we are in the presence of and in unity, in heart and mind, with God, we inhabit/become the garden. In this state, the main river of the Holy Spirit is within us. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit we spread and branch out like the four rivers. Like the **Pishon**, we are free flowing and spreading in worship and praise which causes us to be like the **Gihon**, bursting forth with vision and understanding which causes us to be like the **Hiddekel** (Tigris), rapidly entering into the chamber of God’s presence to reproduce like the **Euphrates**, the fruitfulness of His power, authority, and glory. We become **God’s voice**; **His voice** going out to the **four corners** of the **earth**. We become the **voice** of the **multitude**.

*Christ’s Voice – One River Becomes the Voice of  
Many Waters, Many People*

In the following scriptures we see **ONE VOICE**. The **VOICE of Christ** **became the VOICE of a multitude** also seen as **upon many waters or sound of many waters** (many people).

**Psalm 29:3** – “The **VOICE** (sound (of instrument) root meaning to call aloud, proclamation, sing) **OF THE LORD IS UPON THE WATERS** (water of feet, urine, of anger, violence, transitory things, semen), **THE GOD OF GLORY** (abundance, splendor, reverence, be honorable, be glorious, weighty) **THUNDERS** (sound of a voice, roar), **THE LORD IS UPON MANY WATERS** (many people, water of the feet, urine, of danger, violence).”

**Revelation 19:6** – And I heard as it were the **voice** of a **great multitude**, and as the **voice of many waters**, and as the voice of mighty thundering's, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigns.

**Ezekiel 43:2** – And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the east and **His voice** was like the **sound of many waters**, (host, multitude) and the **earth shone with His glory** (Rev 1:15; 14:2).

**Ezekiel 1:24** – And when they went, I heard the **voice** of their **wings**, (like the voice of God when He speaks, Ezekiel 10:5), movement of expression, word of power, dominion & authority above in a higher realm than earth) like the **noise of great waters**, as the **voice of the Almighty**, the **voice of speech**, as the **noise** of an **host**: when they stood, they let down their wings.