



Visiting the Garden of Eden

Genesis 2:8-17

This Account Is History, Not Mythology!

- Moses wrote it as history
 - Gen. 2:4, 5:1, 6:9, 10:1, 11:10, 27, 25:12, 19, 36:1, 37:2
- Jesus authenticated the Creation account
 - Matt. 19:3-6, 24:37-39
- This inspired apostles confirmed it
 - 1Tim. 2:13-14; 1Peter 3:18-21; 2Peter 2:5-8

Genesis One Through Three Is Essential To Our Faith

- The origin of this universe
- The origin of life
- The origin of souls
- The beginning of families
- The beginning of God's revelation of Himself to man
- The first prophecy of the gospel of salvation in Christ

Where Was The Garden Of Eden?

- Eden - “edhen” (Hebrew) delight, pleasure
 - Greek “ayden”
 - Aramaic root “edinnu” meaning “fruitful, well-watered”
- Garden - “A fenced, gated enclosure” (Strong's)
- Therefore, it was a delightful, walled garden

Where Was The Garden Of Eden?

- The walled garden was eastward in Eden; the Bible does not describe what the rest of the world outside the wall was like until midway through chapter three
- It came to be used as a place name
 - 2Kings 19:12; Isa 37:12; Ez. 27:23; Amos 1:5
- Ezekiel used Eden as a metaphor for the prosperous region of Tyre - Ez. 28:12-19

Where Was The Garden Of Eden?

- The Garden of Eden or Garden of God became a term of comparison for beautiful places on the earth
- Kings often tried to reproduce the Garden of Eden by creating beautiful gardens of their own
 - Solomon's palace gardens - Ecc. 2:5
 - Nebuchadnezzar's Hanging Gardens of Babylon
 - The Greek Garden of the Hesperides

Things To Discover In The Garden Of Eden

- The Perfect Provider

- Gen. 1:31 - “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.”
- Gen. 3:8 - “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.”

Things To Discover In The Garden Of Eden

- The most perfect place on earth
 - Gen. 2:8 - “The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.”
 - Human minds in a world overcome with sin cannot imagine and or describe such a place.

Things To Discover In The Garden Of Eden

- Time was not measured there
 - There was no point; they had access to the tree of life, and in theory could have eaten of it and lived there perpetually
 - Gen. 3:22 - “Then the LORD God said, Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”

Things To Discover In The Garden Of Eden

- The perfect provisions
 - Gen. 2:9-10, 16 - “And 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. 10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads... 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat”

Things To Discover In The Garden Of Eden

- “The Eden of Genesis has been variously located at the headwaters of the Tigris and Euphrates in northern Iraq, in Africa, and in the Persian Gulf. Eden in Ezekiel appears to be located in Lebanon” (*Wikipedia*)
- “I cannot tell you where the Garden of Eden was. I am sure it was somewhere near the Tigris-Euphrates Valley. Originally, that valley was a very fertile place, and it still is, for that matter. At one time, the peoples inhabiting that region did not even plant grain there; they simply harvested it, for it grew by itself.” (*J. V. Magee Commentary on Genesis*)

Things To Discover In The Garden Of Eden

- The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was there -- God's provision for man's spiritual fulfillment.
- Of what value are the Divine gifts of free will and self-determination if there is no way to exercise them?

Things To Discover In The Garden Of Eden

- Eden was not Paradise or Heaven. As wonderful as it was, it was in this world and therefore subject to the laws God set for this world.
- Temptation and sin were possible there; and where sin happens, death follows soon after
 - Gen. 3:1, 6, 19 - “but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die... 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate... 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

Things To Discover In The Garden Of Eden

- A Perfect Passion
 - Gen. 2:18, 21-24
 - Matt. 19:4-6

Things To Discover In The Garden Of Eden

- What not to look for in the Garden of Eden
 - Houses - God moderated the climate
 - Clothes - They had no knowledge of nakedness
 - Roads, industry, stores - it was the Garden of Eden
 - Churches or temples - There was no sin

Visiting the Garden of Eden

- Sadly, no one will ever visit the Garden of Eden again
 - Gen. 3:24 - “So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”
- The world was changed by the flood
 - Gen. 7-8

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- The Tree of Life is in heaven now
 - Rev. 22:1-2 - “And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 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.”

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- In Christ, we do not go back to Eden where God will visit us; we will go to heaven where we will live with Him
 - John 14:1-3, 6 - “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also... 6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”