

# Yahweh Elohim Creates a Garden in Eden

## Part 1

(Genesis 2:4b-24)

*BHC Exploring the Bible Translation*

### Introduction

*2:4b-5 In the day Yahweh Elohim<sup>1</sup> made earth and sky.*

*Every shrub of the field was not yet on the earth,  
and every plant of the field had not sprung up.*

*Yahweh Elohim had not sent rain on the earth  
and there was not an ADAM to till the ground.*

### The Forming of the ADAM

*6-7 A mist went up from the earth and watered the surface of the ground.*

*And Yahweh Elohim formed the ADAM from the dust of the ground  
and blew the breath of life into his nostrils.*

*The ADAM became a living soul.*

### Yahweh Plants His Garden

*8-9 Yahweh Elohim planted a garden eastward in Eden,  
and there He put the ADAM whom He had formed.*

*Yahweh Elohim caused every tree that is pleasant to the sight  
and TOV for food to spring from the ground.*

*The Tree of Life was in the middle of the garden,  
and the Tree of the Knowledge of TOV and RA.*

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<sup>1</sup> Hebrew word that is the name of a "type" of entity.

## **The Rivers and the Garden**

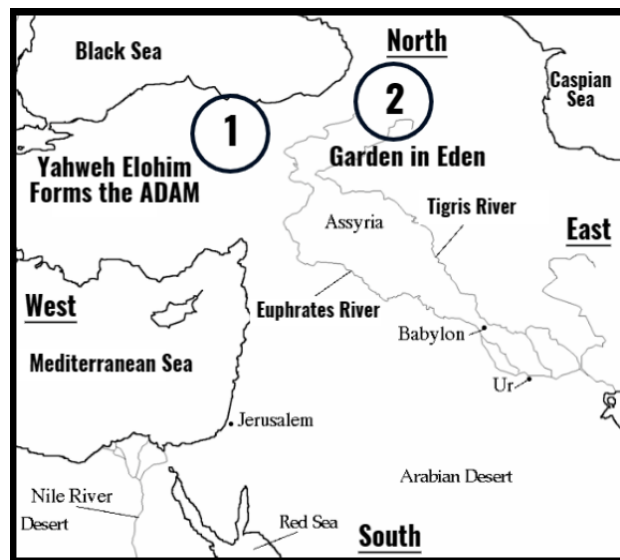
<sup>10-14</sup> *Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden,  
and from there it parted and became four riverheads.*

*The name of the first river is Pishon;  
it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of  
that land is TOV. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there.*

*The name of the second river is Gihon;  
it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush.*

*The name of the third river is Hiddekel (Tigris);  
it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria.*

*The fourth river is the Euphrates.*



## **Yahweh Elohim Commands the ADAM**

<sup>15-17</sup> *And Yahweh Elohim took the ADAM  
and put him in the Garden in Eden to serve and protect her.*

*And Yahweh Elohim commanded the ADAM, saying,*

*"Of every tree of the garden you <sup>2</sup> may freely eat;  
but from the Tree of the Knowledge of TOV and RA you shall not eat,  
for in the day that you eat of it, dying you shall die."*

## **The ADAM is Alone**

*<sup>18-20</sup> And Yahweh Elohim said,  
"It is not TOV that the ADAM should be alone.  
I will make him a creature that is equal to and adequate for him in every way."*

*Out of the ground Yahweh Elohim formed  
every animal of the field and every winged creature of the air.  
He brought them to the ADAM to see what he would call them.*

*Whatever the ADAM called each living creature, that was its name.  
And the ADAM gave names to all large animals,  
to the winged creatures of the air, and to every wild animal of the field.  
But for the ADAM there was not found a creature  
that is equal to and adequate for him in every way.*

*<sup>21-23</sup> And Yahweh Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall on the ADAM, and he slept.  
And He took one of his sides, and the flesh closed up in its place.  
Then the side which Yahweh Elohim had taken from the ADAM  
He built into an ISHAH, and He brought her to the ADAM.*

*And the ADAM said:  
"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called ISHAH, because she was taken out of ISH."*

## **Conclusion**

*Therefore an ISH shall leave his father and mother  
and be joined to his ISHAH,  
and they shall become one flesh.*

## **End of Part 1**

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<sup>2</sup> This is the singular form of "you."

# **Yahweh Creates a Garden: Part 2**

## ***Which Will Be More Subtle, Shrewd, Clever, Crafty, or Cunning: Two Humans or One Serpent?***

(Genesis 2:25-3:24)

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### **Introduction**

2:25-31:1a *And they were both ARUMIYM,<sup>3</sup>  
the ADAM and his ISHAH,  
and were not shamed.*

*And the serpent was more ARUM  
than any wild animal beast of the field  
which Yahweh Elohim had made.*

### **The Conversation Begins**

3:1 *And the serpent said to the ISHAH,  
"Ah, because Elohim said, 'Y'all <sup>4</sup> shall not eat from any tree of the garden . . .'"*

2-3 *And the ISHAH said to the serpent,  
"From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;  
but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden,  
Elohim has said, 'Y'all shall not eat from it  
and y'all shall not touch it,  
lest y'all die.'"*

4-5 *And the serpent said to the ISHAH,  
"Y'all surely shall not die!  
Because Elohim knows that in the day y'all eat from it  
y'all's eyes will be opened,  
and y'all will be like Elohim,  
knowing TOV and RA."<sup>5</sup>*

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<sup>3</sup> Plural form of Hebrew word **ARUM**: *subtle, shrewd, clever, crafty, and cunning.*

<sup>4</sup> Shows that this "you" is a plural, not a singular.

<sup>5</sup> Hebrew word RA is the opposite of TOV.

## **ISHAH's Reality Changes**

<sup>6a</sup> *And the ISHAH saw that the tree was TOV for food,  
that it was pleasant to the eyes,  
and a tree desirable to make one wise.*

<sup>6b</sup> *She took of its fruit and ate.*

## **ISH**

<sup>6c</sup> *She also gave it to her ISH with her,  
and he ate.*

## **Exposed and Shamed**

<sup>7-8</sup> *And the eyes of them both were opened,  
they knew that they were AROM<sup>6</sup>,  
they sewed fig leaves together  
and made themselves loin coverings.*

*And they heard the voice of Yahweh Elohim  
walking in the garden in the cool of the day,  
and they hid themselves, the ADAM his ISHAH,  
from the face of Yahweh Elohim among the trees of the garden.*

## **The First Act of Divine Justice**

### ***Yahweh Questions the ADAM***

<sup>9</sup> *And Yahweh Elohim called to the ADAM, and said to him,  
"Where are you?"*

<sup>10</sup> *And the ADAM said,  
"I heard your voice in the garden.  
I was afraid because I was AROM.  
I hid myself."*

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<sup>6</sup> Hebrew word AROM means "naked." Used as a wordplay with ARUMIYM.

<sup>11</sup> And Yahweh Elohim said,  
"Who told you that you were naked?  
Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you  
that you should not eat?"

<sup>12</sup> And the ADAM said,  
"The ISHAH whom You gave to be with me,  
she gave to me from the tree, and I ate."

### **Yahweh Questions the ISHAH**

<sup>13</sup> And Yahweh Elohim said to the ISHAH,  
"What is this you have done?"

And the ISHAH said,  
"The serpent deceived me,  
and I ate."

### **Yahweh Curses the Serpent**

<sup>14-15</sup> And Yahweh Elohim said to the serpent,  
"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you more than all the large animals,  
and more than every wild animal of the field.  
On your belly shall you crawl,  
and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life.  
I will put hatred between you and the ISHAH,  
and between your seed and her seed.  
He shall crush your head,  
and you shall crave his heel."

### **Yahweh's Words to the ISHAH**

<sup>16</sup> To the ISHAH He said,  
"I will greatly multiply your toil and your pregnancy.  
With toil you shall bring forth sons.  
Your desire shall be towards your ISH  
and he shall rule with you."

## **Yahweh's Words to the ADAM**

<sup>17-19</sup> *And to the ADAM He said,  
"Because you have listened to the voice of your ISHAH,  
and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying,  
"You shall not eat from it";  
cursed is the ground because of you.  
By work you shall eat of it all the days of your life.  
Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground,  
because from it you were taken.  
For you are dust and to dust you shall return."*

## **The ADAM Names the ISHAH**

<sup>20</sup> *And the ADAM called his ISHAH's name Chavah,  
because she became the mother of all living.*

## **Driven From the Garden of Yahweh**

<sup>21-24</sup> *And Yahweh Elohim made garments of skin  
for the ADAM and his ISHAH, and clothed them.  
And Yahweh Elohim said,  
"Behold, the ADAM has become  
like one from the Tree of Knowing TOV and RA."  
Now, lest he send out his hand,  
and take also from the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever --  
therefore Yahweh Elohim sent him out from the Garden in Eden,  
to till the ground from which he was taken from there.*

*And Yahweh Elohim drove the ADAM out,  
and He placed at the east of the Garden in Eden,  
CHERUBIMS and a flaming sword which turned every way,  
to guard the way of the Tree of Life."*

## **End of Part 2**