

Yahweh Creates a Garden in Eden

Part 1

(Genesis 2:4b-24)

BHC Exploring the Bible Translation

Introduction

2:4b-5 In the day Yahweh Elohim¹ 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.*

¹ Hebrew word that is the name of a "type" of entity.

The Rivers and the Garden

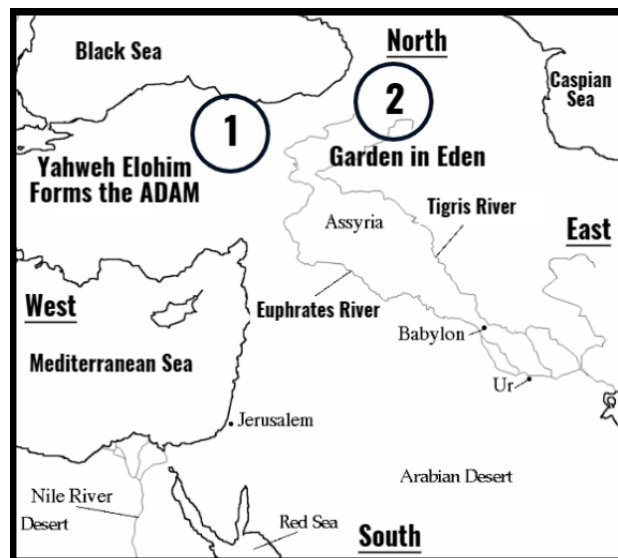
¹⁰⁻¹⁴ Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden,
and from there it parted and became four riverheads.

*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

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ 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 ² 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

*¹⁸⁻²⁰ 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.*

*²¹⁻²³ 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

² This is the singular form of “you.”